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To those who are concerned,

Allow me to introduce myself. I was one of Fr. Buck's students when I was a youth at St. Luke's parish in River Forest, Illinois. I was quite acquainted with him primarily during my early teen years (until 1976) as I had CCD under his tutelage while I attended Oak Park and River Forest High School, but I also previously attended St. Luke's school from third to eighth grades. Since I was active in the leadership of our activities, I, along with my best friend [REDACTED], spent more time with Fr. Buck than any other girls our age.

During my teen years, he was the priest our youth group spent the most time with. From CCD classes to youth concerts, to retreat times at his cabin and to visits at the rectory, we had many, many opportunities for close time together.

I am not afraid to "speak out," or even to testify against any impropriety within the sanctity of the church. In 1996, I was a witness for the state of Ohio in the prosecution of a child molester for incidents occurring at a church in Cleveland, Ohio. (The offender is currently serving time now for first degree felony convictions.) I am committed to integrity in all areas of life, and especially to any church that calls itself by the name of Christ. Ministers and priests are in a very special place of influence in the lives of their parishioners, and can be found in very precarious positions of temptation. But they must be above reproach in their conduct and are expected to behave responsibly.

I would like to give testimony on behalf of Fr. Buck's character for the time period above mentioned. (I have lived outside of River Forest since 1977, therefore I cannot speak for a more recent time period.)

Although there were *countless* times and opportunity for Fr. Buck to have taken advantage of me and my girlfriends during puberty and early adolescence, Fr. Buck never ONCE acted inappropriately nor made any advances toward me/us. Although we would have been simple prey for a molester in a privileged position, I/we NEVER felt uncomfortable or found any of his actions to be sexual in nature. He always behaved honorably and exemplary toward us girls. I count his influence in my life as very positive and faith-nurturing.

Thank you for listening to me and accepting this written testimony on behalf of Fr. Daniel Buck.

Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

1-11-2003

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MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-01

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Daniel Buck (Withdrawn)**

Date: January 13, 2003

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on January 11, 2003:

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4. The Second Stage Review for [REDACTED] allegation against Daniel Buck to take place after June of 2003, once PFRA is able to meet with [REDACTED] when she is visiting [REDACTED] from [REDACTED].

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January 14, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on January 11, 2003. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Daniel Buck [Withdrawn] in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

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4. [REDACTED]

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

*I accept the finding
and the recommendations
Fr. Jerry
Feb 12, 2003*

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

accept - Feb.

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Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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Copy of this
letter sent to
Cardinal's office
have not received
a handwritten
response. LWP

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Fr. Buck's file

January 20, 2003

~~Saint Mary Parish~~

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Mr. Jimmy M. Lago - Chancellor

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Dear Mr. Lago:

As you know by now, the canon lawyer representing me is Rev. Kenneth P. Kauckeck of St. Anastasia Church in Troy, Michigan. Fr. Kauckeck will be contacting you soon so as to gain access to my files during the week of February 2, 2003 in order to prepare my defense. Since I will be out of town that week, I will not be accompanying him; however, he has my permission to obtain whatever information he needs from my personal files.

I continue to pray for you at this challenging moment in the Church's history; I hope you will do the same for me.

Sincerely,
Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc Rev. Kenneth Kauckeck

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**Catholic
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His Eminence Francis Cardinal George
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January 24, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

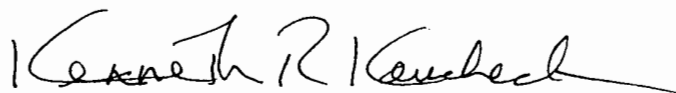
Please be advised that I am the Procurator-Advocate for Reverend Daniel Buck regarding his administrative leave of absence. Please see my letters dated 1 October 2002 and 8 December 2002.

It has been brought to my attention by Father Buck that another allegation of sexual misconduct has been filed against him. Father Daniel Buck wants to immediately address this allegation of sexual misconduct involving a minor which your office has suggested is pending against him. He is deeply saddened by these allegations and is suffering [REDACTED] at the loss of his public ministry and the embarrassment associated with the public attention your office directed at him.

In accord with your letter to Father Daniel Buck I respectfully request you provide me with a copy of any and all proofs in your possession and/or available to you setting forth the facts alleging sexual misconduct with minors by Father Buck. This information is imperative and required if Father Buck is to have due process accorded to him to protect his rights under the Universal Code of Canon Law, and to resolve the allegations and secure the restoration of his faculties as a priest in good standing of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I thank you in advance for your immediate attention and await your response.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



Reverend Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., J.D.

cc Reverend Daniel Buck

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29 January, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Fitness Review
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CORRECTED

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of January 6, 2003, regarding the matter of **Reverend Daniel Buck**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is not engaged in active ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on January 11, 2003.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is a reasonable cause to suspect that **Father Buck** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. I also accept the Review Board's recommendations for further action in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Richard Sanders
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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Ms. Leah McCluskey
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of January 14, 2003, regarding the matter of **Rev. Daniel Buck**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is not engaged in active ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on January 11, 2003. y

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is a reasonable cause to suspect that **Fr. Buck** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. I also accept the Review Board's recommendations for further action in this matter.

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2-11-03

Letter returned
to Fr. Lagges
for corrected
letter cwp

AOC 008962

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces an e-mail sent by Victim IL to Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, on January 30, 2003 regarding the timing of the Review Board's processing of the allegations of sexual abuse against Fr. Buck made by Victim IL and her sister, Victim IM. Victim IL also expresses her concern that Fr. Buck is visiting his lake house near her family's homes on Tuesdays.

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 1/31/03 11:01AM
Subject: Review Board Meeting

January 31, 2003

Dear [REDACTED],

Hello! I received an e-mail from your sister [REDACTED] earlier in the week asking about the status of both you and your sister's allegations of sexual misconduct against Dan Buck.

I presented your allegations and Dan Buck's responses to the Review Board on January 11, 2003 and the Cardinal has accepted the Review Board's unanimous recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.

You will be receiving a formal letter detailing the recommendations of the Board and the Cardinal's decision. Please feel free to communicate any concerns or questions that you may have prior to receiving the letter itself.

I hope that this e-mail finds you and your family well.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, February 1, 2003

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA] 
Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2003

- In regards to the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] against Daniel Buck, the minutes from January 11, 2003 should read that the Board voted unanimously 6-0 that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.
- In regards to the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] against Daniel Buck, the minutes from January 11, 2003 should read that the Board voted unanimously 6-0 that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.

II. Case Reviews

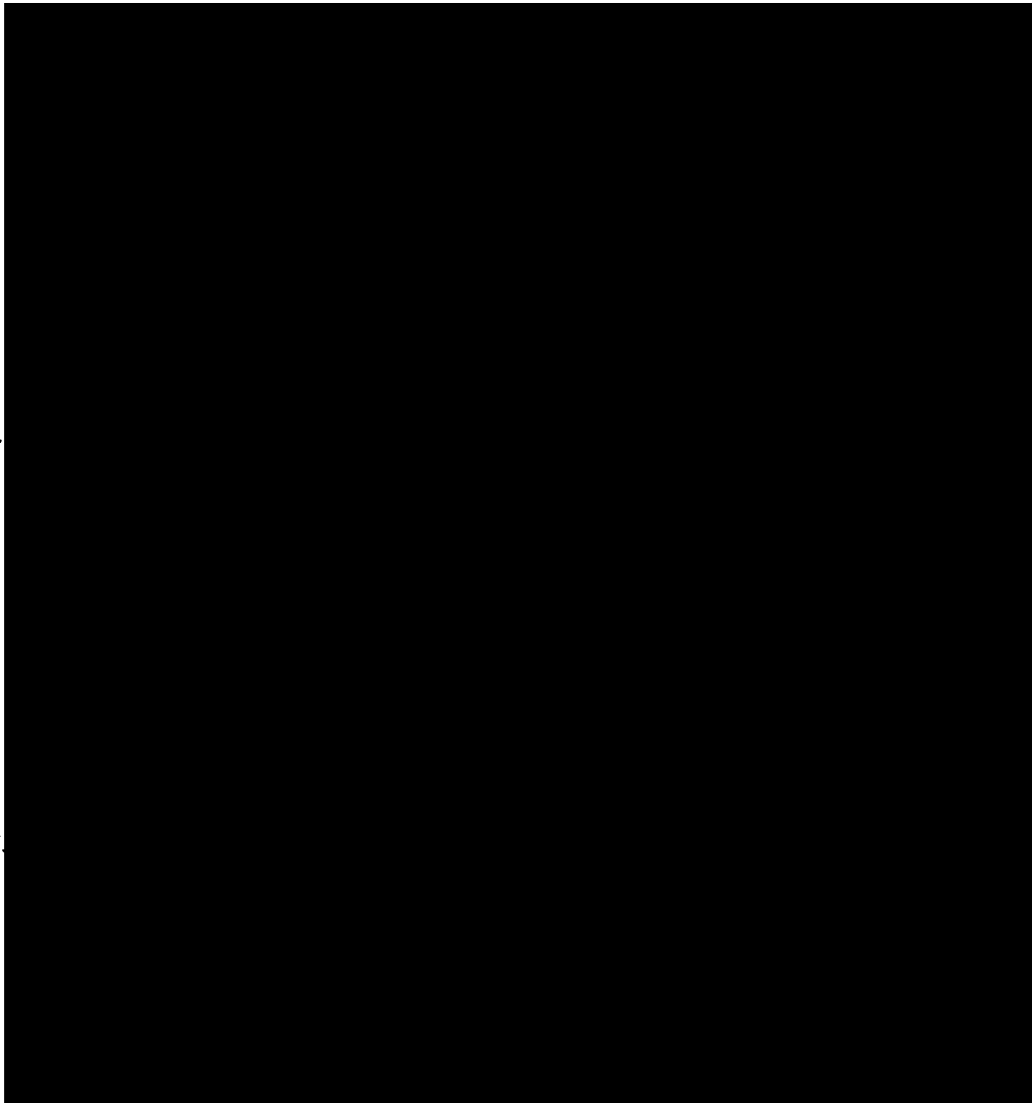
First Stage Review:

A. [REDACTED]



Second Stage Reviews

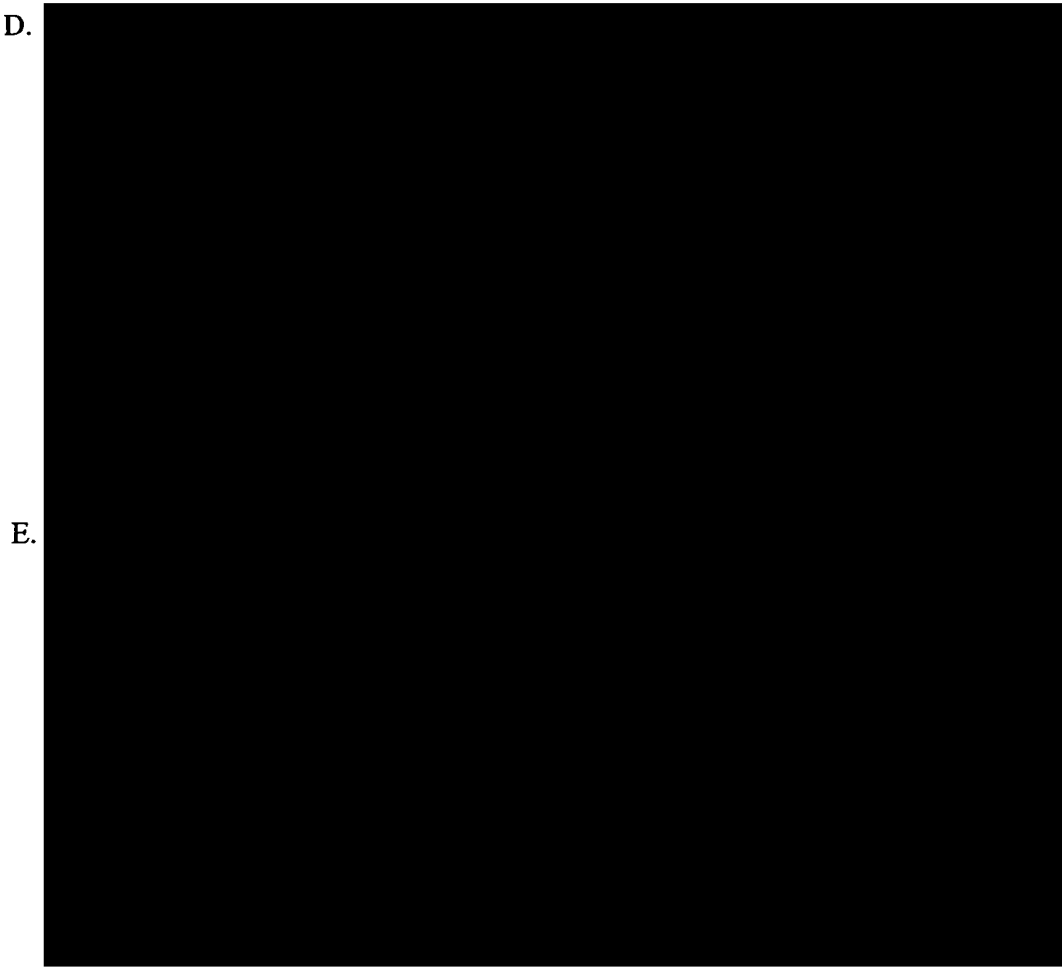
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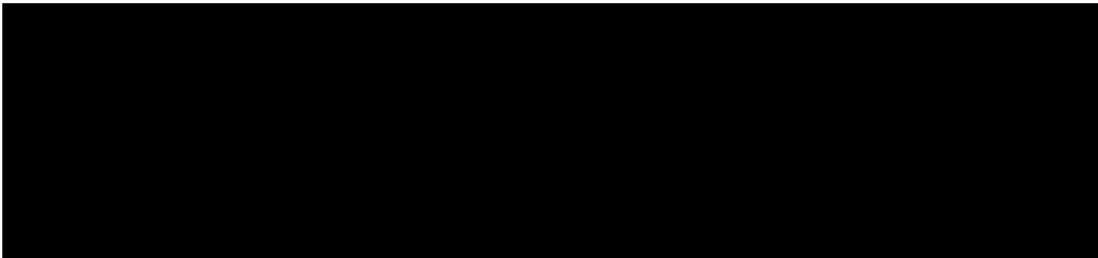
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III. Other

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Next scheduled meeting is February 15, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-01

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Daniel Buck (Withdrawn)**

Date: February 3, 2003

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on February 1, 2003:

In regards to the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] against Daniel Buck, the minutes from January 11, 2003 should read that the Board voted unanimously 6-0 that there is reasonable cause to suspect that misconduct did occur.

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February 14, 2003



Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on January 11, 2003 and conducted a First Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Daniel Buck [Withdrawn] pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Daniel Buck did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. Further, the Board has also recommended that you and I schedule a time to meet in June of 2003 if you are still planning to visit the Chicago area at that time. Depending upon the possibility of meeting with you in person, Second Stage Review in this matter will then be postponed until after we are able to meet. The Cardinal has also accepted these recommendations of the Board.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org].

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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February 14, 2003

Rev. Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on January 11, 2003 and conducted a First Stage Review regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. Further, the Board has also recommended that I schedule a time to meet with [REDACTED] in June of 2003 if she is still planning to visit the Chicago area at that time. Depending upon the possibility of meeting with [REDACTED] in person, Second Stage Review in this matter will then be postponed until after we are able to meet. The Cardinal has also accepted these recommendations of the Board.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205. Also, please know that Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

As has everyone else, I have been following the newspaper accounts of the abuse cases over the past nine months. I am thankful that the Chicago Archdiocese has been proactive in instituting an independent review board and for the policies that were put in place in 1992. You are to be commended for your commitment to protecting children, and for your efforts to ensure a fair hearing for priests who have been charged with alleged abuse. Although I am not a Catholic [REDACTED], this is an issue that touches all of us in some way.

I have known one of these priests, Fr. Daniel Buck, for almost 20 years, as we are both members of the Niles Concert Choir, an organization founded in 1964 by Rev. Stanley Rudcki, formerly a professor of Music and English at Niles College. I know Fr. Buck to be a man of honesty and integrity, devoted to God and his faith, who was loved and admired by his parishioners. He is a kind and caring person who goes out of his way to help people whenever he can. He served as a volunteer fireman and firehouse chaplain for many years.

Fr. Buck is a cultured man who has a great interest in music, especially the promotion of Catholic liturgical music, and is a member of the Niles Concert Choir and Musicum Sacrum. He also serves on the NCC Board.

I hope that he will be given a fair hearing and returned to the ministry with all respect and rights restored. He is an asset to the Catholic Priesthood that he has served so loyally all his life. I am proud to call him my colleague [REDACTED] as well as my friend.

Sincerely,

C: Cardinal Francis George

AOC 008972

From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 2/18/03 1:24PM
Subject: Review Board

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this e-mail finds you and your family doing well.

I am forwarding a copy of a letter that you will be receiving in the mail regarding your allegation against Daniel Buck. I presented your allegation and Dan Buck's response to the Review Board on January 11, 2003.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **Buck, Daniel [Withdrawn]** 

Date: February 21, 2003

PFRA received a phone call from Fr. Daniel Buck [DB] on February 20, 2003 regarding the allegation made against him by  DB had the following concerns to share with PFRA.

DB inquired as to why he just received a letter detailing the First Stage Review of , when the Board was presented the information on January 11, 2003. PFRA explained to DB that offices within the Archdiocese have shared concerns regarding the release of information in the form of letters to victims and accused after a Review Board meeting. Further, DB was informed that a conscious effort is being made to send out the letters in a more timely fashion out of respect for both victims and accused.

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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Re: **Buck, Daniel [Withdrawn]** 

Date: February 21, 2003

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DB stated that he had received a letter in regards to  allegation, but had yet to receive a letter in regards to the allegation made against him by  PFRA explained to DB that the allegations made by both  and  and his responses were presented to the Review Board at the January 11, 2003 meeting. PFRA assured DB that he would be receiving a letter regarding the findings made in  allegation against him.

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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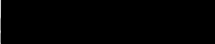
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Re: **Buck, Daniel [Withdrawn]** 

Date: February 21, 2003

PFRA received a phone call from Fr. Daniel Buck [DB] regarding his files in this office. DB had the following concerns to share with PFRA.

DB informed PFRA that his canon lawyer recently reviewed his Archdiocesan files. DB expressed concerns regarding an informal allegation made against him by the mother of . He stated that to his knowledge,  has decided not to formalize any allegation against him at this time. PFRA agreed with this information. DB then expressed his concerns that there is no documentation in his file stating the status of  allegation against him. PFRA informed DB that  mother initially contacted this office and that  has not yet expressed an interest in formalizing any allegation against him. DB expressed his concern with his file being sent to Rome and wanting appropriate documentation in the file regarding  PFRA informed DB that this conversation would be documented and placed in his file.

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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PRIEST PERSONNEL FILE ACCESS REQUEST RECORD

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This form documents an individual priest's request for access to his records. It must be filled out completely and signed by all appropriate parties.

TO BE FILLED IN BY AGENCY HOLDING RECORDS

Name of Priest File: <i>BUCK, DANIEL</i>	
Record of Agency/Office: <i>VICAR FOR PRIESTS</i>	
Address: <i>P.O. BOX 455</i>	
City/State: <i>MUNDELEIN, IL</i>	Zip: <i>60060-1174</i>
Phone: 	

Person Requesting File: <i>DANIEL BUCK PER MARY ANN FOX</i>	Date of Request: <i>7/2/03</i>
Written Request Attached (Written request must accompany this form) Y <u>N</u>	

Person Authorizing Access: <i>SR. MARY ANN ZAVIST</i>	Date Records Accessed: <i>3/2/03</i>
Signature: <i>Mary Ann Zavist, SLW</i>	

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Requester's Signature Acknowledging Receipt of File:
Requester's Comments:
Initialed:

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Person Requesting File: REV. PATRICK LAGGES	Date of Request: 3-31-03
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March 7, 2003

Fr. Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on January 11, 2003 and conducted a First Stage Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that you did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205. Also, please know that Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. You can reach him at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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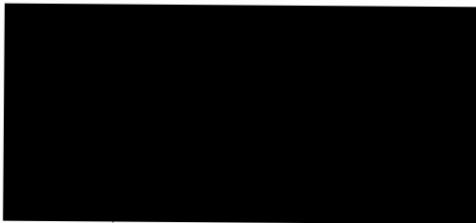
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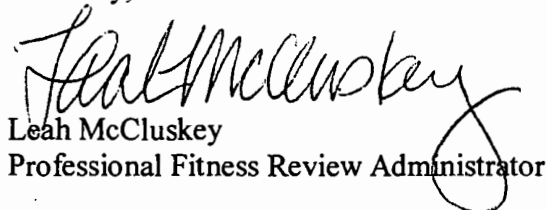
Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on January 11, 2003 and conducted a First Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Daniel Buck [Withdrawn] pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach them at 312.751.8267.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair St.
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

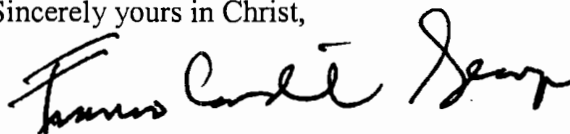
I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of January 14, 2003, regarding the matter of **Reverend Daniel Buck**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is not engaged in active ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the First Stage Review conducted by the Review Board on January 11, 2003.

In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that there is a reasonable cause to suspect that **Father Buck** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. I also accept the Review Board's recommendations for further action in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Richard Lueder
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
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Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
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March 10, 2003

Dear Sir:

Over the last months, I have watched the ongoing situation in the Catholic Church with interest and dismay. As a Jew, I initially listened to the accusations, denials, cover-up and explanations. The interest turned to horror as some of the most blatant offenses and offenders were named and quickly turned to disgust when it became obvious that the offenses and cover-up were both endemic and epidemic. I was pleased to discover that the Chicago Archdiocese had been at the forefront in remedying the situation and had started well before the current revelations.

I have become increasingly dismayed, however, with the "one size fits all" policy the Church has undertaken to clean it's house. Each of the alleged offenders is still an individual who cannot just be put into one barn and that barn then set on fire.

For over twenty years, I have been proud to call Reverend Daniel Buck a close and dear friend. What began as a passing acquaintance as we sang together in the tenor section of The Niles College Concert Choir has deepened over the years to where I consider him in my "inner circle". For almost the entire twenty years I was with the choir, I [REDACTED] had never had any contact with clergypersons outside my own faith. The music drew us together initially, but as time passed, our excursions to hear other choruses have expanded to other cultural events and many, many dinners. We have not sung together for about seven years; nevertheless, we continue to meet, along with others, [REDACTED] for dinner. I attend the choral concerts in which he is participating, and he in turn has become an audience member of [REDACTED] in which I participate.

I have had occasion to see Father Buck "in action". He is an excellent homilist and a dedicated and caring priest. He cares about his community both within and outside the Church. I have never seen him as anything but a consummate professional. He is a loyal and trusted friend.

I felt privileged to attend the first ordination over which you presided in Chicago. One of the students I had known through all his years at Niles College and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary was ordained and I was thrilled to be an invitee. As an outsider, I found it to be educational, enlightening, awe-inspiring and revelatory. I was particularly affected by the laying on of hands by all the priests in the Archdiocese. I interpreted it not just as a "welcome into the fold" but more as "I am your brother, we are connected, and I will take care of you." I truly hope that I was correct in my assumption and that each individual priest is given the proper and appropriate consideration that this situation merits.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

Cc: Leah McClusky

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[REDACTED]

Perpetrator

Father Daniel Buck

Diocese

Archdiocese of Chicago

Church

Notre Dame Parish?

Period of Abuse

1972-1977

Description of Abuse

Father Buck began by going into the room shared by [REDACTED] and her sister, [REDACTED]. He would give them back rubs, then fondle their chest and genitals. When confronted by the girls' mother this year, Buck admitted that he abused [REDACTED].

Case Status

Not in suit

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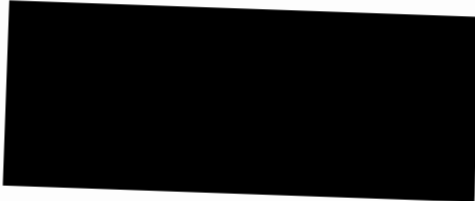
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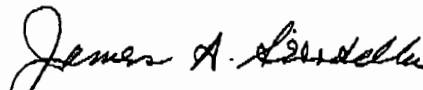
Re: [REDACTED] /Father Dan Buck

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on our conversation regarding the above person. Per our discussion, I have alerted Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy or other interim assistance at the Archdiocese's expense while this matter is being processed.

Please direct any claim-related correspondence to me. Also, do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

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March 14, 2003

Rev. Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Dan:

I realize you must have many questions about what is happening with regard to your situation. I have appreciated your patience and understanding, and I thank you again for agreeing not to exercise ministry while your case is pending. As you know, the Dallas Charter and Norms created a canonical difficulty. They required bishops to act immediately, but Church law prohibited us from taking any action under the Norms until they received the approval of the Holy See. I am very grateful to each of you for cooperating in the implementation of the Charter and Norms, even though that cooperation has taken a toll on you. I am writing the same letter to each of you so that you are clear as to what will be happening next.

The Holy See approved the revised Norms on December 8, 2002, and Bishop Gregory indicated they would go into effect March 1, 2003. I want you to be aware of the implications of this, so that at least you will understand how we will be proceeding in the Archdiocese of Chicago. There are still some aspects of the process that the USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs is working on, so some part of the process are less clear than others.

In the near future, I will be submitting each of your cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as required by the Norms that Congregation issued in 2001. At that time, I will ask the Congregation for a dispensation from the statute of limitations so that we are free to conduct a trial according to the Code of Canon Law.

The reason for my request will be that the seriousness and the nature of the matter demand it. The sexual misconduct of clergy has caused great harm to the Church in the United States. Unless the Church appears to be taking these allegations seriously, we will lose the confidence of our faithful people and the Church in the United States will no longer have a credible voice.

Moreover, the nature of sexual abuse is such that those who are abused often repress the memory of these actions for many years. It has taken great courage on the part of many of them to come forward with these accusations. I can assure you that they did not make their decisions easily. Whether these actions took place, who was involved, and other such matters are things that are to be dealt with in a canonical trial. But I do not doubt for a moment the sincerity of those who have claimed to be victimized.

At the same time I submit the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will make formal what up to now has been simply an agreement between you and me. The Essential Norms for the United States require that at this time I issue a decree, in virtue of canon 1722, prohibiting you from exercising sacred ministry and directing where you are to reside.

If the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith dispenses from the statute of limitations and directs me to conduct a trial here in Chicago, I will then submit all the material from your case to Father Bill Woestman, the Promoter of Justice, who will then present a petition to the Metropolitan Tribunal. The petition will ask the Tribunal to decide two issues: Did you commit an act of sexual misconduct, as described in canon 1395? If the answer to that is affirmative, shall the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state be applied to you?

At this point, if you have not already engaged the services of a canonical advocate, you will be required to do so. Your advocate's job is to ensure the protection of your rights and to raise any issues with regard to the above questions.

According to the wishes of the USCCB, the judges for the trial will be chosen from a pool of judges who will be trained in Washington during the last two weeks of February. This will ensure that no Archdiocesan priest will be deciding your case.

The judges will use the information that has been gathered by the Fitness Review Board Administrator, the Vicar for Priests, the Victim Assistance Minister, and your own personnel file. They may also ask for additional information in the case, as they see fit. You or your advocate can also propose other questions to the judges that would assist them in their investigation.

After the judges have collected all the information in the case, you and your advocate will be allowed access to all of the information that the judges will be using in making their decision. You will also be allowed to comment on the information you review, and your advocate will be given an opportunity to present arguments in the case.

At the conclusion of the process, both the Promoter of Justice and you can appeal the decision of the Tribunal. The appeal can be based upon the procedures that were followed during the course of the trial or upon the merits of the decision that was handed down. According to the 2001 Norms of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, these appeals are to be directed to the Supreme Apostolic Tribunal of that Congregation.

I believe that this is the most effective way to ensure that justice is served in the Church. By using our legal system, the rights of all parties are guaranteed and decisions are made on the basis of correct jurisprudence. Regardless of the outcome, the decisions will not only *be* just, but they will also *appear* just in the eyes of our people. This will demonstrate that decisions are not made in an arbitrary manner in the Church, but are made in an orderly and well-reasoned manner.

It is for this reason that I will not make any administrative decisions about the disposition of your case. I believe the judicial process will allow you and your advocate to present arguments concerning the substance of the case and the procedures that have been followed. The

judges will then be able to render a decision on this matter which is consistent with our jurisprudence and canonical practice.

I am very much aware of the pain that you have gone through during these months. While this has been personally painful for you, I believe this time has also given our people an opportunity to look at this issue more thoroughly and realize its complexity. Some of the stridency has lessened, and people seem to be reassured that the cases will be handled in a just and equitable manner.

You have been in my prayers each day, and I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis George", written in a cursive style.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Jim,

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Fr. Kaczorowski

Thank you,
Fr. Dan Jarosevic

Director, Fitness Review Board

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 3/25/03 8:43AM
Subject: Re: June

Dear [REDACTED],

So good to hear from you. I hope that all is well with you and your family.

Meeting in June would entail you formalizing your allegation against Fr. Buck. The meeting would include myself, a representative from Victim Assistance Ministry as a support to you, and if you wish, whomever you choose to accompany you [friend, family member, spouse, etc.]. I will then write a report of the information that you provide regarding the allegation. I will ask that you approve the facts of the report [which I would e-mail to you if I did not have it complete prior to your return home] and will then read the approved report to Fr. Buck. Your allegation as well as Fr. Buck's response will then be presented to the Review Board for a Second Stage Review. That is the final stage of the Review Board process, as you know, this matter has already been presented to the Board for a First Stage Review.

I completely understand your strong feelings of not wanting Fr. Buck to retire [REDACTED]. I will find out the answers to the other questions that you asked regarding the ownership of the property occupied by Fr. Buck and the other priests--and then I will get back to you.

As for a meeting date, I would like to attempt to schedule a time to meet on Thursday, June 12th. Please let me know if there is a time in the morning or afternoon that would work for you on that day. I am not certain if I gave you this information, but our office is downtown, basically around the Huron and Michigan Ave. area. The address is: 676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910. We are directly across the street from Northwestern Hospital.

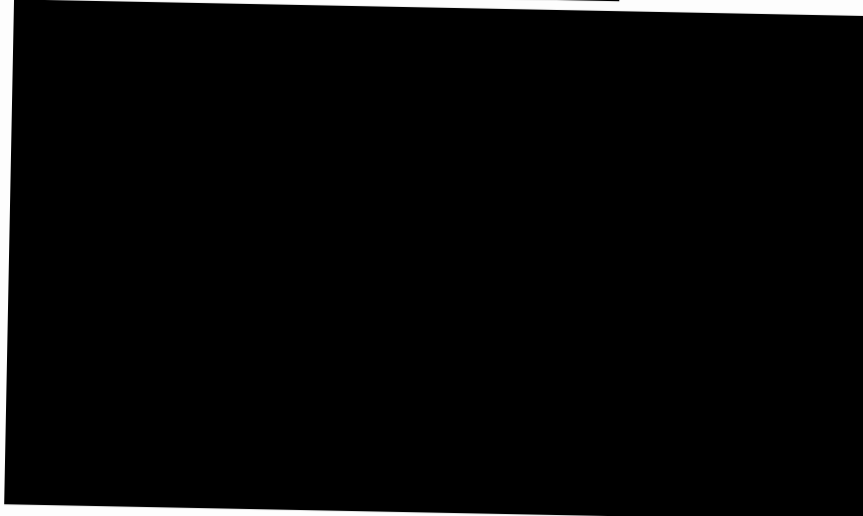
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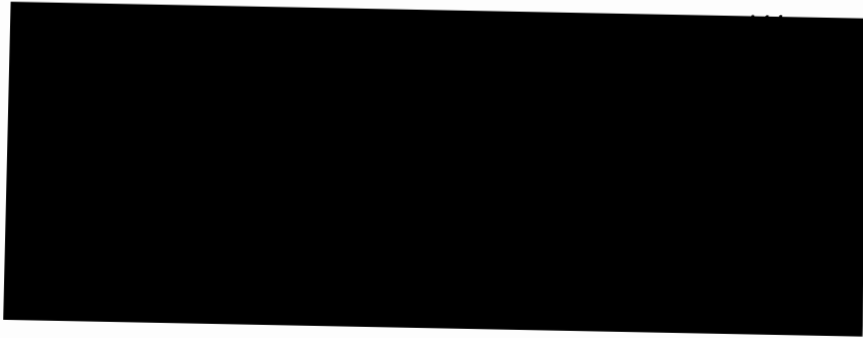
Peace,

Leah

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

>>> [REDACTED] 03/23/03 12:17AM >>>





Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a portion of an e-mail chain between Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Victim IM. On March 23, 2003, Victim IM sends an e-mail to Ms. McCluskey inquiring about the process of formalizing an allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Daniel Buck, scheduling a meeting with Ms. McCluskey, and Fr. Buck's living arrangements if he retires from ministry.

Date: March 26, 2003

To: Fitness Review Board and others whom it may concern

From: Rev. Daniel Buck

Concerning: Allegations of sexual misconduct from [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED]

I have chosen to respond to both of these allegations in the same document because the misconduct is alleged to have occurred in the same place on the same occasions. In reality, this is one allegation coming from two people.

At the outset, I again deny the truth of these allegations. I did not sexually molest or abuse either of these women. I am innocent of these charges. In the course of this document, I hope to cast some light on the possible reasons for these false charges being made.

Background

Since my relationship with the [REDACTED] family is a complicated one, I feel I must present the historical context.

After my ordination to the Diaconate in 1970, I quickly fell into the pattern of enjoying my day off with five classmates with whom I have been close since the college seminary. Shortly, after priesthood ordination in 1971, our group of six purchased a used powerboat that we kept on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois. In the warm summer months our Tuesdays consisted of cruising the lakes followed by dinner. After a while, we started to visit houses for sale along the lakes' shores because we desired a more permanent base of operations.

██████████ and ██████████ and their ██████████ children were ██████████ parishioners of St. Luke parish in River Forest at which I served from 1971-1976. I was close to the family and was often invited to their River Forest home. In the early summer of 1972, ██████████ ██████████. The family hosted a ██████████ party ██████████ at their summer cottage on the shore of ██████████ one of ██████████, near the town of ██████████. I was invited and since the gathering was on Tuesday, the ██████████ encouraged my classmates and me to stop by with our boat. During the course of our stay, we mentioned our house hunting. ██████████ pointed out the year-round home ██████████ to the north, which had been on the market for a while.

Within a few weeks, we visited the newly discovered house, decided it was exactly what we wanted, and made a purchase offer to the real estate agent. Since at least one other party was interested in the house, we had to wait several more weeks before our offer was accepted. Then we had to arrange financing and negotiate the closing. By the end of the summer of 1972, the house was ours.

Early on, for the purpose of home ownership, we incorporated under the name of “Rigel VI Incorporated.” Thus the house came to be known as Rigel. For over thirty years, we have enjoyed the use of the house on Tuesdays and for vacations. Occasionally, some of us arrive on Monday evenings and often stay over until Wednesday morning. We’re rarely present on weekends, except perhaps once or twice a year on vacations.

Over the years, we have used the house to host family and parish gatherings, and youth outings, and retreats, ALWAYS well chaperoned. For many years, Rigel was the site of retreats for groups from the college and major seminaries. This activity has been curtailed

for at least ten years because we no longer need the income since the mortgage has been paid off and the house was suffering from too much wear and tear.

[REDACTED] In 1972, the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] families shared ownership of the summer cottage [REDACTED] south of Rigel. [REDACTED] and her husband [REDACTED] with their [REDACTED] children, shared use of the cottage with the [REDACTED] during the summer months. After the summer was over, the cottage was closed because it was not insulated very well.

The subsequent history is complex. In 1977, [REDACTED] left the ministry and moved to California. In 1991, Fr. [REDACTED] died. Thus, for over a decade, Rigel has been the weekly home to four priests. Curiously, neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] seems to be aware of this, although they profess detailed knowledge of the activities at Rigel.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Allegation Specifics

Mrs. [REDACTED] alleges that she and her sister were molested from 1972 through 1977; Mrs. [REDACTED] between the ages of 8 through 13 and her sister Mrs. [REDACTED] between the ages of 9 through 14. Mrs. [REDACTED] in her testimony, contradicts her sister, stating that she was molested from age 10 to 13, which would be between 1973 to 1976. Both of them are wrong on several levels. First of all, since my classmates and I did not even close on our house until late in the summer of 1972, I doubt that we got to know the [REDACTED] until the following summer. In 1973 and during subsequent summers we enjoyed the company of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] families on Tuesdays, playing games with their children, riding in their boat, and relaxing on their front lawn. They also rode in our boat, swam in front of our pier, and visited my large model railroad in Rigel's basement.

I accepted an invitation to have dinner at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] home for the first time in 1975. I believe that [REDACTED] was in sixth grade and [REDACTED] was in seventh grade. I believe the last time I was in the [REDACTED] home was in 1976, because I had been transferred to a north side city parish, much farther away from [REDACTED].



Her memory is wildly inaccurate. I had dinner with the no more than a dozen times in two years.

In another place Mrs. alleges that there were “at least five incidents” of abuse. Did this abuse occur during a particular period of time during the five years, at the beginning or the end of this period, or only once a year? She doesn’t specify. According to her scenario, I was at her home roughly 45 times, yet she suggests five incidents of abuse. Her sister, one year older, is less certain of her memories stating that she is unsure how many times she was abused.

Both women allege that I molested them in their bedroom. This possibility is farfetched.

The house in was a very small house.

To my memory, these doors were never closed. With children, the traffic through the house was constant.

Was I ever in the girls’ bedrooms? Sure. That’s where they did their homework, and they appreciated my interest and help. Did I ever sit on their beds? Yes, because there was only one chair at the desk on one side of the room. Did I fondle them, molest them, abuse them? NO, NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT! It is preposterous to propose that, in a house full of active children and very attentive parents, I could repeatedly abuse not one but two children without detection for a period spanning over five years. The suggestion that I

In a libelous statement,

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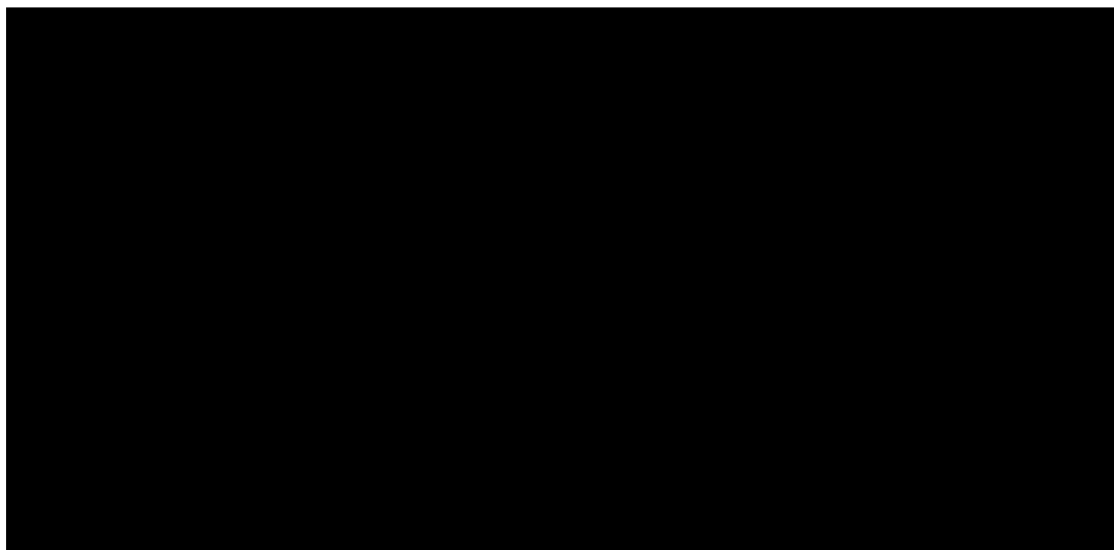
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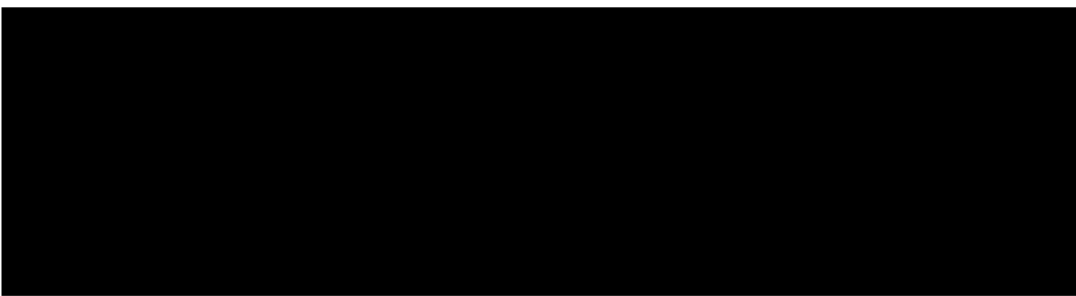
[REDACTED] When [REDACTED] died, I attended his wake and the whole family greeted me with gratitude.

My housemates have submitted testimony of the numerous instances of friendly interaction with the various members of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] families continuing up to the present time. Just a few weeks ago, [REDACTED] engaged one of my classmates in relaxed conversation, and another classmate regularly has casual chats with [REDACTED]. This is not the response of a family ravaged by sexual abuse. This brings up the issue of...

Who told Who, What and When?

Figuring out the timetable of when Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] revealed their alleged abuse is almost impossible. Their testimony is divergent and implausible.





In summary, the contradictory statements of the two women and the total lack of any adverse response from any family members renders their testimony suspect.

My conversation with [REDACTED] on June 25, 2002

In view of the way my words have been twisted and misreported, whether deliberately or otherwise, my talk with Mrs. [REDACTED] may not have been a good idea. However, I felt that I owed an explanation to my long-time lakefront neighbors of the unexpected actions the Archdiocese of Chicago had taken against me two days before. I had a long talk with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in their home, during which they expressed their concern and support. A few weeks later a number of the [REDACTED] children echoed their support to one of my classmates on a day when I was not present.

I then approached [REDACTED] on her back porch. No, she didn't 'confront' me; I initiated the conversation,. The first point that she made was that she didn't think that I should appeal my removal from ministry if I had in fact molested a young child. I explained to her that the situation wasn't that simple. She then asked if I would be going to jail. I said there was probably no possibility of that. In this context I explained the civil statute of limitations. At no time did I boast of escaping prosecution because of a statutory technicality, as alleged. [REDACTED] asked if I was planning to take an early

retirement and live at Rigel. She hastened to add that it would be fine with her. Again, she contradicts her daughters' version of her feelings towards me. I said that it was far too early to consider retirement or any other possible outcome.

I went on to relate, with limited detail, the circumstances which had placed me in my current predicament. I told of my inappropriate relationship with a teenage girl in the early 1980's. I revealed my long-past reconciliation with this young woman and her husband, and that we were still good friends. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which had repeatedly certified me as fit for ministry and as no threat to children or minors. I reminded her that three bishops and numerous Archdiocesan officials, over the course of many years, had over and over again affirmed my good work in unrestricted parish ministry. Finally, I said that my current public humiliation could be traced directly back to the American bishops' misguided "one size fits all" approach in Dallas.

Mrs. [REDACTED] seemed to understand my presentation, and she offered her concern. We talked about the current hysteria over "pedophile priests" stirred up by so-called victims groups with questionable motives, and I told her of the precautions any cautious priest must take to protect himself from a litigious society. In this context I mentioned her granddaughter who had spent recent summers with her. The girl was very talkative and friendly towards my classmates and me, and I said that we naturally are much more cautious and sensitive in our dealings with children than we might have been in the past, because we must protect ourselves in the current climate of mistrust.

Let me stop right here. Did I ever say that I "shouldn't be around young girls," that I'm a danger to young girls, that I can't trust myself around young girls? ABSOLUTELY

NOT! This is a total fabrication constructed out of thin air. Did I ever express a presumably prurient interest in Mrs. [REDACTED] granddaughter? This is an OUTRAGEOUS LIE! I'm not sure of the source of these slanderous allegations, but I will not let them go unchallenged.

[REDACTED] stated that some of her children might be uncomfortable around me. I said that I understood, and that I was willing to talk with any of them as I had talked to her. I also offered to keep my distance from them if they wished. Note that this was suggested not as a protection for their children, but out of sensitivity to their feelings. I never stated or implied that any children needed protection from me.

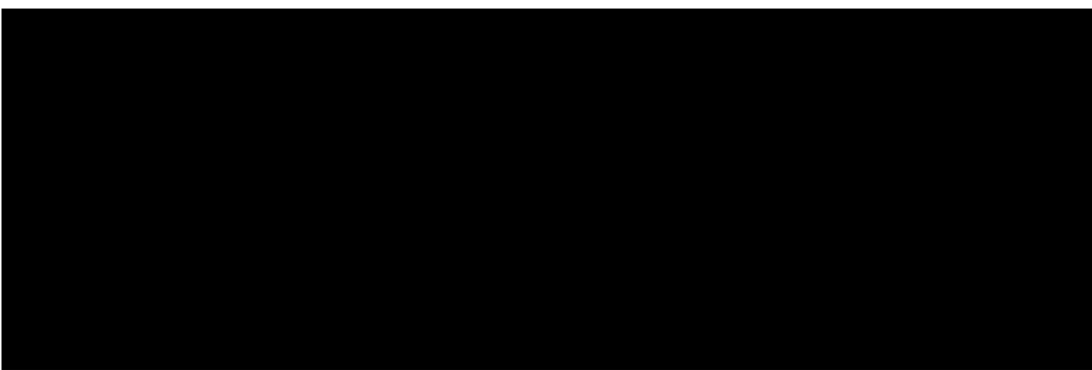
Mrs. [REDACTED] confided to me that two [REDACTED] priests, who had served at their family parish, [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], during the time her children had attended the parish school, had recently been removed from ministry because of allegations of sexual misconduct. (One has since been reinstated.) She said that some of her children were very upset because they knew these priests well. Their distress was compounded when they heard about me.

Mrs. [REDACTED] seemed genuinely relieved that we had talked, and she gave me a big unexpected hug when we parted, as Mrs. [REDACTED] affirms. It is most unfortunate that such a healing and affirming conversation should be twisted into something ugly and threatening by two women who weren't part of it.

Aftermath

Curiously, Mrs. [REDACTED] does not report any ill effects of her alleged abuse. She did not report it to anyone for many years, she did not discuss it with her sister until recently, and

at no time did she take any remedial action until September, 2002. She apparently never made any attempt to talk to me, even though she always had an easy way to reach me. It wasn't as if I had disappeared through a change of address. Her first contact with me was via a letter from her lawyer. (Hmmm. There is no doubt as to his motivation.) The first indication that Mrs. [REDACTED] was interested in [REDACTED] came when the Fitness Review Administrator suggested it on September 27, 2002.



Both [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] say that there is no intention to destroy me, but they hope for healing for me. Mrs. [REDACTED] hopes that I have gotten counseling and would like to see my repentance. I truly appreciate Mrs. [REDACTED] spiritual approach to these issues, but I have to question the genuineness of her concern for me, since she never found a time to talk to me. She claims to have wanted to talk to me in 2001. I can't imagine what prevented her. I would have gladly told her about my ongoing [REDACTED] healing process, but she never gave me the chance. I must also add that, while alleged sexual abuse may lead to later [REDACTED] problems, it also can provide a convenient excuse.

Both Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] express great concern over the danger that I pose to the children who live in, or visit, [REDACTED]. This concern rings hollow since neither woman has done anything to protect any children, except perhaps

their own, over the last 25 years. They paint a lurid picture of hordes of small children at great risk as they parade by the Rigel house on their way to the nearby public beach. Mrs. [REDACTED] carries her slander to the extreme as she accuses me of abusing many other people who haven't as yet had the courage to come forward. Of course, she has no evidence for these charges. If no one else is willing to challenge her wild, baseless allegations, then I will. Her irresponsibility is far more damaging to her credibility than it is to my reputation. I must point out that her scurrilous speculation comes from the letter transmitted from her lawyer, and not from her face-to face interview with the Fitness Review Administrator. Hmmm, again.

On the basis of their purported fear for the safety of their children, these women want to severely limit, if not eliminate, my access to my [REDACTED] home. This is just plain wrong and unjust on many levels. First and foremost, I pose no threat or risk to children. The time is long since past when this declaration could be seriously disputed. In response to the recent allegations, the Fitness Review Board made a point of not mandating further [REDACTED] because such [REDACTED] would be superfluous.

Further, the picture they paint is bogus. There were a good number of children in our part of [REDACTED] back in the 1970's and 1980's, at least during the summer months, but kids grow up and our area has grayed. Most of the homes that are occupied year-round (less than half the total) house empty-nesters. In the non-summer months, it is rare we run into anyone under 50. Yes, in the summer months there are grandchildren around, but this occurs mostly on weekends when we are not there. If they're at the public beach we don't see them because the beach is a good distance away, and cannot be seen from the house.

I must say a few words about our home. For thirty years, the house of Rigel VI has been a place of escape, refuge, and renewal for my classmates and me. Our incorporation papers state that the house is a "retreat facility for diocesan priests." This is not a 'tax dodge', since it wouldn't work anyway; it's reality. Every Tuesday, we laugh, we argue, we challenge, we play, we support...we do what people do who deeply care about each other. When I feel a need to find further escape and solitude, I move to the basement filled with the miniature world of my model railroad. I have often remarked that I'm not sure I'd still be a priest if I hadn't had my Tuesday destination and the wonderful people with whom I share it. The house is much more than a piece of real estate. It is a source of great spiritual and psychological strength for my classmates and me.

On a more quantitative level, I have a huge stake in the house. I have poured more than \$100,000 into the house over thirty years. Because of our bylaws, I cannot recover any of my investment if I pull out of the corporation. With my current financial situation, I obviously have no chance of purchasing another house. Because space is so limited at the retreat house where I live, I have moved many of my possessions to our house. In addition to the antique toy trains which are valued at many thousands of dollars, I also have many antique toys and books and magazines. I shudder to think of the cost as well as the risk of storing these items at a commercial storage facility.

I have never planned to retire at the house, since I want to continue the ministry I love as long as I am able at some parish that could use my help. Of course in the present circumstances my future plans are very much up in the air.

I should not need to point out that neither of my accusers have any ownership of either of the [REDACTED] houses. [REDACTED]

████████████████████ When they come to ██████████ they do so as visitors. It is clear that I have a far larger financial stake in the community than they do.

Summary

I apologize for the length of this document, but obviously it deals with matters very important to me. I finish my defense as I began it, with the declaration of my innocence. I am not guilty of the charges brought against me. I am aware that it is impossible for me to conclusively prove my innocence, just as it is impossible for my accusers to prove my guilt. I place my trust in the principle, enforced by both civil and Church law, that I am innocent until proven guilty.

As to the motivation behind these charges, I can only speculate. Anticipated large sums of money would be the short answer, and the decision to have recourse to a lawyer before contacting me or the Archdiocese would give weight to this speculation. I sincerely hope that these women find healing for whatever has caused them to bring these allegations against me. Certainly the goal of protecting children has already been well served.

I need to point out that remediation on my part has already taken place. ██████████
████████████████████ have certified that children of both genders and all ages are perfectly safe in my company. Many years of fruitful priesthood have validated the Archdiocese's consistent position of declaring me fit for parish ministry. After the fateful decisions that were made in Dallas, I have been "temporarily withdrawn" from the ministry that has been the love of my life. My salary has been reduced by over 25%. I have been forced to suspend my work as chaplain and firefighter with the Long Grove

Fire Protection District. I am living, with a precarious future, in a tiny room at a retreat house. Worst of all, my good name and reputation has been damaged in such a public way, that no one seems to know whether or how the damage can be repaired.

It must be clear that any further action taken against me would not serve the cause of either justice or healing. It would rather be a concession to the spirit of vengeance, totally unworthy of the Church that I've loved and served all of my life.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this document.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Daniel P. Buck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Rev. Daniel P. Buck



^{Buck}
March 31, 2003

~~Saint Mary Parish~~

Dear Father Kaczorowski:

Enclosed is a copy of the response I have sent to the Office of Professional Responsibility. I ask you to be sure that this document is presented to the Fitness Review Board if and/or when the Board chooses to proceed further with the false accusations which have been made against me.

Also please keep this document in my file so it will be available to the canonical tribunal which will eventually exonerate me.

Sincerely,
Rev. Daniel P. Buck

March 31, 2003

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Enclosed is my response to the false allegations of misconduct brought against me in recent months. I was finally able to study the relevant documents at the archdiocesan archives on March 7. The inability to have copies of documents at my disposal has seriously hampered the efforts of my canon lawyer and me to prepare my case for canonical judgment.

My response is intended to be presented to the fitness board should the board choose to proceed further on these false accusations. I also ask that a copy be placed in my file so it may be available for future canonical interventions.

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Sincerely,
Rev. Daniel P. Buck

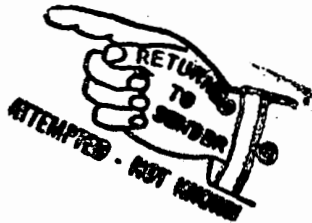
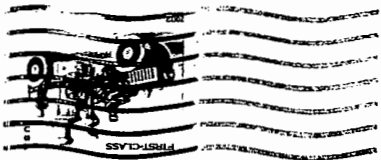
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*For the
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April 10, 2003

Francis Cardinal George
Archbishop of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Archbishop George:

This letter is in support of Father Daniel Buck, whom I have known since 1969, when he was a seminarian at St. Mary of the Lake and I was a senior at Carmel High School in Mundelein. We became friends while working on a musical at the seminary.

Please be assured that, though I was a young, attractive, naive girl then, there was never even a hint of impropriety from Father Buck. Had he been a person of questionable morals, he might have tried to take advantage of my impressionability at that time, but he did not and would not do that.

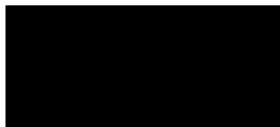
He has been a good friend to me and to my family for over thirty years. At no time has he conducted himself in less than a professional manner. Father Buck has presided over special family events throughout the years and has been loved and respected by even my father, the personification of integrity, honor and moral fiber.

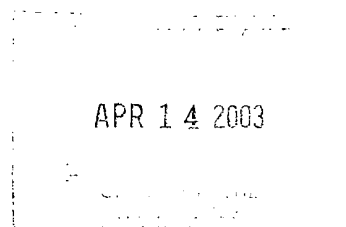
I do not know the specifics of the incident which has brought Father Buck's good character under scrutiny. However, the details are unimportant because I know he is a good, gentle, and honest man who would not hurt another human being, especially to satisfy his own needs. Whatever might have occurred, I am sure Father Buck has made amends, if needed, and is resolute to avoid such a situation in the future.

I teach in a high school and I have two adolescents of my own. When it comes to the safety of my students and children I am vehement. Without reservation, I would welcome Father Buck's presence and friendship in my school and in my home.

If you need more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,





Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator, regarding Victim IM's statement, given to Ms. McCluskey and Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry on April 11, 2003, detailing Victim IM's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Daniel Buck. According to Victim IM, she was sexually abused by Fr. Buck beginning when she was 10 years old in approximately 4th-8th grades. Victim IM reported that the abuse consisted of fondling and occurred multiple times.

Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

April 18, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Fr. Kaczorowski has informed me that, on April 26, the Fitness Review Board will be conducting a second stage review of the false accusations brought against me. My canon lawyer and I agree that my attendance at this review would be pointless.

I of course presume that the members of the board have studied my detailed response to these allegations, dated March 26, 2003, additionally I ask that the board give due consideration to the letters sent by the following:

10-2-2002	Rev. Mark Canavan	✓	3-1-2003	
12- -2002	Rev. Thomas Moran	✓	3-10-2003	
No Date	Rev. Daniel Janosevic	✓	3-13-2003	
1-11-2003		✓	No Date	
2-14-2003		✓	No Date	

If any of these letters are not in your possession, please let me know immediately.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum prepared by Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago, dated April 25, 2003, summarizing a phone conversation between Ms. McCluskey, Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry, and the mother of Victim IL and Victim IM in which the mother recalled seeing Fr. Buck tickling Victim IL while Fr. Buck was visiting the family home when Victim IL was a minor. The mother also detailed a conversation she had with Fr. Daniel Buck in June of 2002. According to the mother, Fr. Buck admitted to sexually abusing Victim IL but not Victim IM. The mother also expressed that she does not want Fr. Buck living at his lake house near her home.

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Professional Fitness Review Board
Saturday, April 26, 2003

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA] 
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2003

II. Case Reviews

Second Stage Reviews

A.

[REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Daniel P. Buck [Withdrawn] – PFR-01

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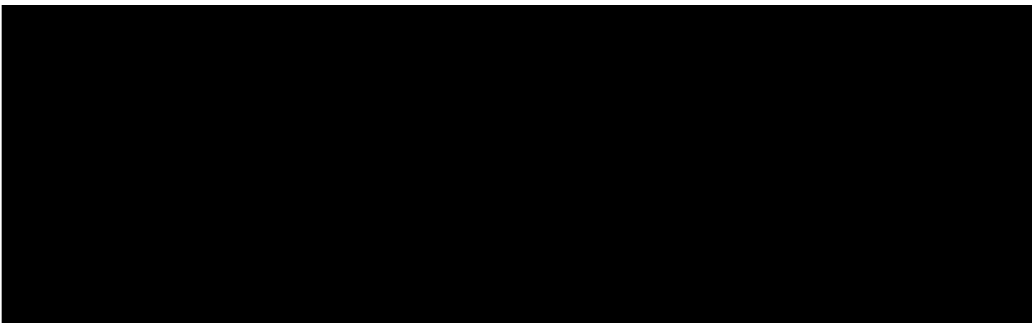
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4. PFRA to inform DB of Review Board's recommendation that he not seek out [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] re: her statement from 4/25/03

C.



D.



III. Other Matters

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Next scheduled meeting is May 17, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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AGENDA

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REVISION

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Second Stage Reviews:

- A. [REDACTED]
- B. In the Matter of Daniel P. Buck (Withdrawn) – PFR-01
- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

- C. [REDACTED]
- D. [REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]

IV. Other Business

[REDACTED]

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, May 17, 2003

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3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]

IV. Other Business

[REDACTED]

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on April 26, 2003 to conduct a
(enter date: month/day/year)
(check one:) ☐ First Stage Review ☒ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report
regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)
against Daniel Buck (Withdrawn)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of (Arch)diocese)
☐ a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)
☐ a resigned priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)
☐ a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: fondling under the clothes
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)
(breast + genital area)

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☐ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☐ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-1^{reasonable cause} to postpone 2nd stage
until _____ is formal allegation is
presented RBoard; 1. notify DB that _____ plans to
seek legal action re: him moving from home;
2. present to DB _____ statement from 4/25;
3. Letter to FEG to include canon statement re:

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MEMORANDUM

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To: File -PFR-01

From: Professional Fitness Review Board Minutes

Re: **Buck, Daniel (Withdrawn)** [REDACTED]

Date: April 26, 2003

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on April 26, 2003:

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April 28, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Review Board met on April 26, 2003. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Daniel Buck [Withdrawn] in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A Second Stage Review was to be conducted pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

In a 6-1 vote, the Board recommended to postpone the Second Stage Review of [REDACTED] allegation until [REDACTED] formal allegation against Fr. Buck is presented to the Review Board. The Board made the following additional recommendations:

1. PFRA to notify Fr. Buck that Mrs. [REDACTED] plans to seek legal action regarding having Fr. Buck move from his home [REDACTED].
2. PFRA to present [REDACTED] statement from April 25, 2003 to Fr. Buck.
3. In the spirit of norm 6, canon 1722, the Board recommends that Fr. Buck be "...prohibit[ed] residence in a given place or territory..." Specifically, the Board recommends that Fr. Buck be prohibited from residing at his lake home [REDACTED] until this matter is settled.
4. PFRA to inform Fr. Buck of the Review Board's recommendation that he not seek out [REDACTED] regarding her statement from 4/25/03.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Review Board Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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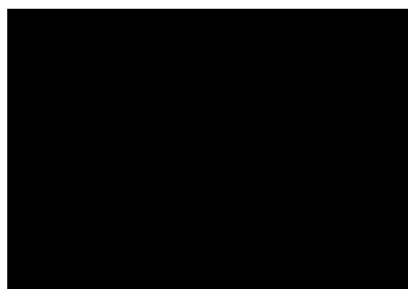
Here is your interview report of April 11, 2003. Please make any necessary corrections to the report or please return it to me with a signature of your approval.

Leah

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Here is your interview report of April 11, 2003. Please make any necessary corrections to the report or please return it to me with a signature of your approval.

Leah

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Leah,

Can you please have [REDACTED] and my allegations (Step 2) presented to the board at the May meeting? You will read them to Dan Buck on Monday and then can present to board on Saturday.

[REDACTED] Please do all you can to not stretch this out to the June meeting. Thanks, [REDACTED]

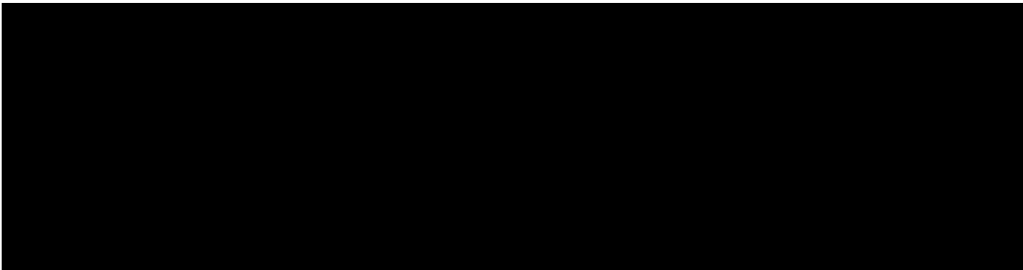
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Laura,

This is the final draft with all corrections made by [REDACTED] Could you please put this in correct format and fax it to [REDACTED] attention at [REDACTED] The phone number is [REDACTED]

Thanks.

Leah



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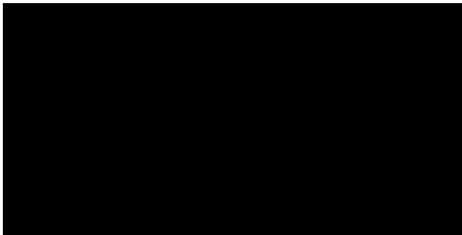
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Re:  and Father Buck matter

Dear Mr. Serritella and Ms. McCluskey:

By this letter, this is to advise you that I am representing  She has been in contact with you and will continue to cooperate with you in the processing of this matter. I would ask that you keep me involved in that and work through us.

Very truly yours,



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Thank you Leah. Will it be possible
to have our [REDACTED] case go before
the board this month? Thanks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Please sign for your approval of this report. The one you faxed did not have the signature lines needed. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. Please return at your earliest convenience.

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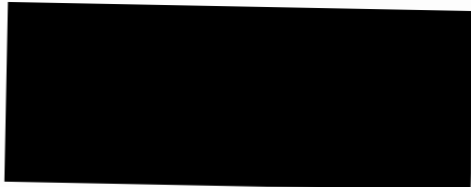
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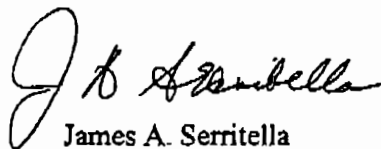
Re: [REDACTED] /Father Dan Buck

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of May 13, 2003 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has been in contact with Ms. [REDACTED] about this matter. Either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy from a licensed therapist selected by your client at the Archdiocese's expense while this matter is being processed.

Please direct any correspondence about the claim you are pursuing to me.

Very truly yours,


James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I thought it might be helpful for you, as it has been for me, to summarize what I see as some key points from our meeting of May 12 concerning the allegation of [REDACTED]

1. I again voice my strenuous objection to the fact that you interviewed [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] my other accuser, present. While I understand that your policies permit this, it seems to me that her testimony has been seriously contaminated. One of the few lines of defense available to me has been to point out the inconsistencies between these two women's allegations. Enough time has passed that no one could reasonably doubt that my accusers have had ample opportunity to check their stories with each other, and with their attorney. However, it is disconcerting to see that your office

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not only condones, but supports, such collaboration.

2.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] My research tells me [REDACTED] that the phenomenon of recovered memory is pretty much discredited in today's psychological circles. We will never know how much [REDACTED] has been aided by [REDACTED] in "recovering" her memories.

3. The reports of my lakefront neighbors' animosity toward me are anecdotal and unprovable. My housemates and I have already supplied testimony which contradicts these wild speculations. We have gotten along very well with all our neighbors for more than thirty years.

Let me point to two specific cases.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

One more example:

[REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] is telephone comments are disappointing but not surprising. I'm sure she feels she must support her daughters. However her reported discomfort with me is a very recent development. As I have previously related, she told me in June of 2002 that it would be fine with her if I retired to the house on [REDACTED].

another matter deserves consideration, after living away from [REDACTED] for several years and selling the old family cottage to some of her children, [REDACTED] bought, as a full-time home, the house

[REDACTED] This was in 1999, around the time she allegedly was told about my abuse. There are several possibilities here. If her daughters had already confided in her, then either she didn't believe them or she saw this matter as no deterrent to purchasing her house. If they didn't tell her until after she bought the house, then either they didn't see any reason to talk her out of her purchase, or else they had not yet concocted their stories. Obviously, I favor this last scenario.

In conclusion, I restate my willingness to stay away from my house on those rare occasions when either of these women and their immediate families are present. I have no desire for any kind of confrontation. I would ask them to inform an acceptable third party at least ten days in advance. I pray that my accusers find healing from whatever had led them to make these false charges against me.

Sincerely,
Rev. Daniel D. Buck

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P R E C E P T

Bishops "have been designated by the Holy Spirit to take the place of the apostles as pastors of souls and, together with the Supreme Pontiff and subject to his authority, they are commissioned to perpetuate the work of Christ, the eternal Pastor." (*Christus dominus*, n.2b) However, since the pastors of the Church can never be expected to carry the burden of pastoral ministry alone (*Lumen gentium*, n. 30), they have been given the order of priests to cooperate in shepherding and guiding God's people. Indeed, bishops, "because of the gift of the Holy Spirit that has been given to priests at their ordination, will regard them as indispensable helpers and advisers in the ministry and in the task of teaching, sanctifying and shepherding the People of God." (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7)

Because of this common task, "bishops are to regard their priests as brothers and friends, and are to take the greatest interest they are capable of in their welfare, both temporal and spiritual. For on their shoulders particularly falls the burden of sanctifying their priests." (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7b)

Moreover, the *Directory on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops* states, "In the same way as Jesus showed his love for his disciples....so also a bishop....can hardly fail to realize that he should show his greatest love and chief concern for priests....Led by a sense of duty and sincere and invincible charity he gives willing assistance in every way to help priests to esteem the loftiness of their priestly vocation, to live serenely, to spread joy to those about them and to fulfill their duties faithfully." (n. 107a)

This same document urges bishops to do "everything possible to prevent the troubles his priests could have....To keep them safe from trouble he takes prompt and prudent measures." (n. 112)

The Code of Canon Law has described precepts as a means by which ecclesiastical authority "directly and legitimately enjoins a specific person or persons to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law" (c. 49).

Therefore, I issue this precept, in accordance with c. 49, to urge **Reverend Daniel Buck** to fulfill the obligations which were placed upon him at the time of his ordination. Because some suspicion has arisen about his fidelity to the sacred promises he made at his ordination, I urge him in particular to lead a life which is in keeping with the holiness of his vocation. Although he is not presently exercising public ministry in the Church, he ought to pursue holiness of life in the way that he lives. He is also still bound to the obligation to pray the liturgy of the hours daily, to set aside time for spiritual retreats, to engage in mental prayer, to approach the sacrament of penance frequently, to honor the Virgin Mother of God with particular veneration as Queen of Priests, and to use any other means of sanctification which he finds helpful (c. 276).

Because of the obligation to observe perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, **Father Buck** is to act with due prudence toward persons who could endanger the obligation to observe continence (c. 277§1), and to observe the particulars of the attached Individual Specific Protocol (c. 277§3) which I have established in consultation with him.

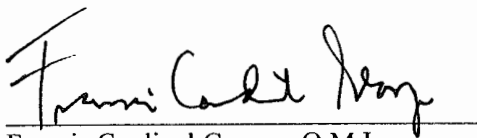
He is to avoid all those things which are unbecoming the clerical state, or those things which are foreign to the clerical state (c. 285), especially those things which are set forth in the attached Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

Father Buck is hereby dispensed from his obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and is strongly urged not to do so until such time as the case against him can be resolved and more permanent determinations can be made. Although not removed from office, he is nonetheless urged not to exercise the rights of any ecclesiastical office, in accordance with the Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

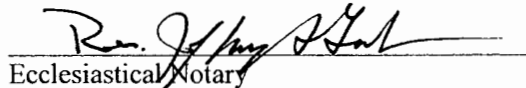
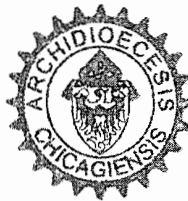
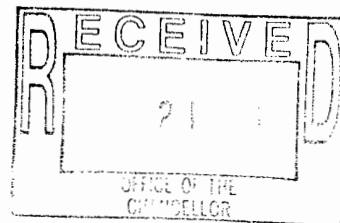
In order to ensure that these obligations are met, I have delegated **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to receive information regarding **Father Buck's** fulfillment of this precept and his Individual Specific Protocol. She is to submit a report to me no less than quarterly regarding this matter, and may report to the Professional Fitness Review Board more frequently as needed or requested.

I am establishing this precept in a spirit of fraternal charity, mindful of my responsibility to encourage my priests to remain faithful to the obligations of the clerical state. Because the attached Individual Specific Protocol has been established in dialog between **Father Buck** and the Vicar for Priests, I accept the provisions of this document, and urge **Father Buck** to fulfil them in accordance with the obedience he is to show to me as his ordinary (c. 273), and which he promised at his ordination.

Given in Chicago, Illinois on the 23rd day of May, 2003.



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago


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May 23, 2003

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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

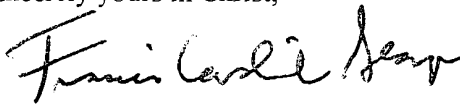
Accompanying this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Rev. Daniel Buck**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

At the same time, I am designating you as the person who is to supervise the "monitoring protocol" which has been established for Father Buck. I ask that you report to me on a regular basis, but no less than quarterly, on Father Buck's compliance with this protocol. You may also wish to report more frequently to the Professional Fitness Review Board so that they can make further recommendations to me on this matter.

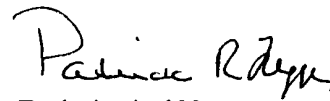
In order to ensure confidentiality in this matter, I ask that you perform this task personally and not designate anyone else for this purpose. Should there be periods of time when you will not be able to perform this task personally, please refer the matter to the Vicar for Priests.

Thank you for agreeing to take on these additional tasks.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

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D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board that there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that **Reverend Daniel Buck** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Buck**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm **Father Buck's** name or to violate his right to protect his privacy. Nor may he be asked to do anything which violates his conscience or is morally unacceptable according to the Church's moral teachings.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written report to me, no later than thirty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on 23 May, 2003 at Chicago, Illinois.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago



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155 E. Superior St.
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May 27, 2003

Rev. Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Dan:

I am again writing to you to give you an update as to what is happening concerning the allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor which have been made against you. I am extremely grateful to you for your patience in this matter. As you know, the Dallas Charter required me to act quickly in cases involving allegations of clerical sexual misconduct with a minor to ensure that no priest with a credible accusation was engaged in public ministry. However, because the accompanying Norms had not been approved by the Holy See, I have not been able to act as quickly as I would have liked in getting your case resolved.

With the Norms having gone into effect on March 1, 2003, along with further instructions which came from the Holy See in February, we are now in a position to begin referring our cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Before I make such a referral, I will gather any additional information that seems necessary and review the matter once again. I will then send your advocate a copy of the letter I will be sending to the Holy See, and allow him or her the opportunity to offer an opinion as well. I anticipate this being done by the middle of July.

To that end, I have delegated Ms. Leah McCluskey to review each of the cases to see if more information needs to be gathered. I have asked her to report back to me within one month so that I can make a determination about referring the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. According to the recommendation of the Canonical Affairs Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, if the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith directs me to begin a penal trial, the judges to be used will not be priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago. They will be chosen from a list of priests who have been trained to hear cases of clerical sexual misconduct.

In referring your case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will also consult with the Promoter of Justice and issue a decree which formalizes those things which I asked you to do for the good of the Church and under your promise of obedience to me. The imposition of this decree is required by Norm 6 of the Essential Norms established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

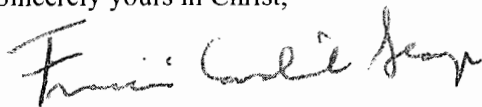
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I have also designated Ms. McCluskey as the person to ensure that the "monitoring protocol" which you signed is being followed. She will report to me and to the Professional Fitness Review Board concerning your compliance with this protocol. I have asked that she perform this function personally, with the Vicar for Priests doing so in her absence. This will ensure the confidentiality and professionalism of this monitoring.

The protocols which you sign from time to time are not to be considered as penalties imposed on you. Instead, they are ways in which I exercise my responsibility to ensure that you fulfill the obligations which you received when you were ordained. I am establishing these protocols as individual precepts, which canon 49 describes as "a decree which directly and legitimately enjoins [you] to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law." You will receive a copy of my precept at the same time you receive a copy of your protocol.

I hope this clarifies the process somewhat for you. I am grateful that we can finally begin a process for the resolution of your case. I know this has been a very difficult period of time for you in your priesthood. You have always been in my prayers during this time. I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Francis" being more prominent.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

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MEMORANDUM

To: PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: **DANIEL BUCK'S RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY [REDACTED]**

Date: May 29, 2003

Date of Interview: May 12, 2003 **Time of Interview:** 10:30 am

Present at Interview

Fr. Daniel Buck, accused
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

Face-to-Face Interview

Fr. Daniel Buck arrived at the Vicar for Priests' office on time for the scheduled 10:30am meeting. He was invited into the conference room by Fr. Kaczorowski where the meeting was to take place.

Fr. Buck began by informing PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that he had spoken with his canonical advocate Fr. Kenneth Kauchek, but he was unable to attend today's scheduled meeting.

As PFRA prepared to read the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED] Fr. Buck agreed to interrupt PFRA if he was unclear with any information that was being read to him. Fr. Buck was also informed that a memo detailing a phone conversation had between PFRA, Mayra Flores from Victim Assistance Ministry [VAM], and Mrs. [REDACTED] [mother of Mrs. [REDACTED]] would be read to him as well.

Fr. Buck interrupted PFRA just as the allegation was being read. He stated that he does not reside in [REDACTED] but that he visits his home on [REDACTED] approximately one time per week. Fr. Buck also stated his strong objection to the presence of Mrs. [REDACTED] during the meeting with PFRA and VAM where

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Mrs. [REDACTED] formalized her allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Buck. PFRA explained to Fr. Buck that all alleged victims are invited to have anyone they wish to accompany them when formalizing his/her allegation. Fr. Buck expressed his concerns that Mrs. [REDACTED] has formalized her own allegation of sexual misconduct against him and that he found it inappropriate that she was present at the meeting where another alleged victim [Mrs. [REDACTED]] was formalizing an allegation against him as well.

PFRA then continued to read Mrs. [REDACTED] allegation. [REDACTED] He informed PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski of his questions regarding the validity of repressed memory and "suggested" that [REDACTED] "speak with [REDACTED]" for a professional opinion against such a concept.

Fr. Buck again voiced his concerns with Mrs. [REDACTED] presence at Mrs. [REDACTED] meeting with PFRA and VAM. He "questions the [Mrs. [REDACTED]] details of the alleged abuse" and feels that details for Mrs. [REDACTED] may have been filled in by Mrs. [REDACTED] or her attorney [REDACTED]." Fr. Buck referred to Mrs. [REDACTED] [past] "dirty laundry" and [REDACTED] now she is "looking for someone to blame" whom Fr. Buck feels may be him.

Once PFRA finished reading Mrs. [REDACTED] allegation, Fr. Buck stated that he denies the allegation as he has in the past. He then began to address specific information regarding his relationship/interactions with Mrs. [REDACTED] extended family. Fr. Buck first spoke of the [REDACTED] Family [REDACTED]. As per Fr. Buck, one of the [REDACTED] spoke with one of Fr. Buck's classmates over Labor Day [2002] and spoke of his support of Fr. Buck [in relation to allegations of sexual misconduct brought against him]. He stated that none of the [REDACTED] have "never acted odd" around him. Fr. Buck then "dared" PFRA to contact the [REDACTED] to ask their opinions of Fr. Buck.

Fr. Buck then spoke of the [REDACTED] Family [also has a home on [REDACTED]]. One of [REDACTED]'s [REDACTED] sons is Fr. Buck's [REDACTED]. He describes their relationship as "friendly." Fr. Buck stated that he has had no inclination that the [REDACTED] family is uneasy around him. He continued, "It's a lie" that Mrs. [REDACTED] and/or Mrs. [REDACTED] feel that [REDACTED] [where the aforementioned homes in [REDACTED] are located] is "afraid" of him.

Fr. Buck expressed his questions with the time frame when Mrs. [REDACTED] purchased the home [REDACTED]. As per Fr. Buck, if Mrs. [REDACTED] was concerned that he was a "...sexual predator, why in the hell would she buy the house [REDACTED]?" Fr. Buck expressed the opinion that Mrs. [REDACTED] memory is "really screwed up" and stated that Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] "are now collaborating [on their allegations of sexual misconduct against him]."

Regarding the conversation that PFRA had with Mrs. [REDACTED], Fr. Buck stated that he "never should have spoken with her [in June of 2002]." Fr. Buck stated that the Mrs. [REDACTED] recollection of the conversation between the two that occurred last summer was "screwed up." As per Fr. Buck, the context of the conversation that he had with Mrs. [REDACTED] was that "priests need to watch themselves" as a result of the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made known in the media. Fr. Buck suggested that "this woman [Mrs. [REDACTED] [may be] nuts" and then stated that "we need to get the information [that was shared in the aforementioned conversation between Fr. Buck and Mrs. [REDACTED] straight."

[REDACTED]

Referring back to the conversation that he had last June with Mrs. [REDACTED] Fr. Buck stated that it is "not true" that he offered to apologize to Mrs. [REDACTED] [for allegedly abusing her]. Fr. Buck stated that when he spoke with Mrs. [REDACTED] he informed her that he would be willing to speak to any of her children regarding the allegation that was brought against him [as noted in the media]. He also stated that he never informed Mrs. [REDACTED] that he needed to watch himself around children. Fr. Buck then commented that he has owned the home next to Mrs. [REDACTED] for 31 years and that he does not feel comfortable there either.

Fr. Buck brought up the following concerns with PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski. He questioned Mrs. [REDACTED] "foggy memory" of events that allegedly occurred 27 years ago. Fr. Buck has "many disputes" with time frames in conjunction with Mrs. [REDACTED] memory. He did agree that he was occasionally in the bedroom shared by Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] when they were children. Fr. Buck stated that had occasionally been in their room while they were doing homework. He stated that Mrs. [REDACTED] description of her childhood home is "accurate." At this time, Fr. Buck questioned if [REDACTED] [attorney for Mrs. [REDACTED] knew the details of Mrs. [REDACTED] allegation against him. PFRA informed him that to her knowledge, [REDACTED] was not aware of such details. Fr. Buck then referred to his written response to the allegations made by both Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] [see file], where he noted that Mrs. [REDACTED] had "never brought up [REDACTED] before [face to face meeting with PFRA and VAM]."

Referring back to the conversation that he had with Mrs. [REDACTED] regarding the allegation made against him, Fr. Buck stated that he "spoke with the [REDACTED] as well." As per Fr. Buck, he felt that he "owed it to them [the [REDACTED]]." He expressed that he is not a danger to children. Fr. Buck feels that Mrs. [REDACTED] may have "twisted" the conversation that he had with her in June of 2002.

Fr. Buck's second main concern involves his home [REDACTED]. He is a part owner of the home, which he owns with three other men [priests]. As per Fr. Buck,

he has invested \$125,000.00 over the past 30+ years into the home. In regards to his neighbor, Fr. Buck stated that it is Mrs. [REDACTED] who owns the home and not Mrs. [REDACTED] or Mrs. [REDACTED]. He stated that his two accusers are "visitors" and that they do not have any ownership of Mrs. [REDACTED] home. Fr. Buck informed PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that "as a courtesy" to Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] if given adequate notice, he would not be at his home on [REDACTED] when his two accusers would plan to be there. He pointed out that "legally and morally" Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] have no right to ask him not to go to his home on [REDACTED]. Fr. Buck clarified that if given at least one week's notice, he will not go to his home on the lake if the alleged victims and/or their immediate families would be at Mrs. [REDACTED] home to visit.

Fr. Buck informed PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that if the Review Board makes a recommendation to the Cardinal to restrict his time at his home on [REDACTED] that they [the church] "will have a fight on their hands." He pointed out that "seven or eight years ago" it was written into his Individual Specific Monitoring Protocol that he is allowed to go to his home on the lake one time per week. Fr. Kaczorowski then pointed out to Fr. Buck that there have since been two new allegations of sexual misconduct brought against him [Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]]. Fr. Buck stated that nothing has changed regarding his monitoring. He informed PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that "...the diocese has testified over and over that I am not a threat to children." Further, Fr. Buck feels that it is the "noise of their [Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]] attorney" which has "...caused the request to restrict me from the house [on [REDACTED]]." Fr. Buck informed PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that he has been in contact with a civil attorney regarding his lake home as an asset.

Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Buck that the Cardinal is having the information regarding the allegations of sexual misconduct against him prepared to be sent to Rome. Depending upon what transpires in Rome, Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Buck that he might be returned to the lay state. Fr. Buck stated that he and his classmates are prepared to schedule a meeting with the Cardinal regarding the allegations made against him as well as the restrictions placed upon him. He pointed out to PFRA and to Fr. Kaczorowski that there are "no kids there [at [REDACTED]] 9-10 months out of the year."

Fr. Buck reiterated the following two main concerns; he categorically denies the allegation of 27 years ago [Mrs. [REDACTED]]; and he is concerned with the Review Board's recommendations regarding restricting his presence at his lake home. Fr. Buck again stated that there is "no evidence that anyone in the [REDACTED] family is upset with me." He stated that he is "staying away" from Mrs. [REDACTED] and again brought up a comment made to him by Mrs. [REDACTED] that "it would be fine" if he retired in the home [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. Fr. Buck then commented, "Somebody's lyin'."

Fr. Buck then began to specifically respond to the memo read to him detailing the phone conversation between PFRA and Mrs. [REDACTED]. He identified [REDACTED] as "one of the [REDACTED] children." Mrs. [REDACTED] purchased the home [REDACTED]. In reference to the conversation that the two had last summer, Fr. Buck spoke with Mrs.

██████████ about the allegation made against him, which he stated "she was fine [with it]." Fr. Buck then pointed out, "If she doesn't like me or want me ██████████ why would she buy [the home ██████████]?"

He then commented, "This is sad." Fr. Buck stated, "She's [Mrs. ██████████] a mother...they [Mrs. ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████] have gotten to her." He noted that Mrs. ██████████ "words [as spoken to PFRA] are the same" as Mrs. ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████. "Even though she's [Mrs. ██████████] known [of the alleged sexual abuse of her daughters] for three or four years, she's been great." Regarding her knowledge of the alleged sexual abuse of Mrs. ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████ by Fr. Buck, Fr. Buck stated that Mrs. ██████████'s actions "don't say that." As per Fr. Buck, a neighbor by the name of ██████████ "ran into my friends" last year and ██████████ "didn't say anything [regarding his alleged sexual abuse of Mrs. ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████]" He again stated, "It's really sad."

Fr. Buck then asked PFRA if Mrs. ██████████ had informed PFRA that she had "forgiven" him. PFRA stated that Mrs. ██████████ had stated that during the aforementioned telephone conversation. Fr. Buck then stated to PFRA, "You didn't write that down [in the memo]. I think that's important." He then spoke quite highly of Mrs. ██████████ to PFRA and to Fr. Kaczorowski.

Fr. Buck commented, "If I want to be hard nosed about it, she [Mrs. ██████████] can't tell me to do anything with the house." He informed PFRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that he "doesn't want a legal battle with the Cardinal." When Fr. Kaczorowski suggested a hypothetical circumstance that the Archdiocese might buy him out of the home on ██████████, Fr. Buck responded that the Cardinal would "owe me \$150,000.00." He then added that he did not believe that "the other guys wouldn't be able to support the house [of Fr. Buck was bought out]."

Fr. Buck referred to Mrs. ██████████ comment that he "molested" Mrs. ██████████. He clarified that the "molesting comment" was not true. In regards to the conversation that he had with Mrs. ██████████ Fr. Buck stated, "I don't know what she heard and what she didn't hear."

Fr. Buck answered his own question of, "What is being served [in the case of the allegations of sexual misconduct made by Mrs. ██████████ and Mrs. ██████████]..taking care of vengeful people." He added that he "wants the Archdiocese to take a stand."

Fr. Buck expressed his concerns with VAM and PFRA having their offices in the same suite. He also feels that VAM should not be present when PFRA is meeting with an individual who is formalizing his/her allegation against a priest. PFRA informed Fr. Buck that just as Fr. Kaczorowski is present during today's meeting as the Vicar for Priests and his advocate, VAM is present during meetings with alleged victims for their support.

Fr. Buck referred to Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] when he stated, "[the] women are obviously hurting" and that he "wishes them help if they need it." He reiterated his feeling that he can "live with the restrictions to not be there [at his home on [REDACTED]]" when Mrs. [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] and/or their immediate families are there.

Fr. Kaczorowski suggested to Fr. Buck that he schedule a meeting with the Cardinal in order to discuss Fr. Buck's presence at his home on [REDACTED].

Fr. Buck ended by again expressing his concerns "with the way the system [of formalizing allegations of sexual misconduct] is set up." He stated that "the house is more important now than one year ago" as a result of his original plans of retiring in a parish [prior to the allegations of sexual misconduct made against him].

Accused

Date

Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Date

Vicar for Priests

Date

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests



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PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

The Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Professional Responsibility
Leah McCluskey
676 N. Clark Street
Suite 1910
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

We are aware of Fr. Dan Buck's situation in Chicago and would like to provide this letter for his file. We worked very closely with Father Dan Buck from approximately 1980-1984 as volunteer youth ministers at St. Francis Borgia Church. We founded the program with some friends and with Fr. Vince Costello, who was transferred shortly thereafter. Fr. Dan stepped in to fill the void.

At first, he seemed a little out of his element working with teens, at least as compared to Fr. Costello. However, he soon developed a very good rapport and style with teens. He learned to "talk" with them and "listen" to them and "share" the gospel in a very comfortable manner for teens. We have had limited contact with Fr. Buck, since the late 1980's. However, he did baptize all [REDACTED] of our children, which was very special for us. Obviously, we don't know what, if anything, took place during his time at St Francis Borgia. However, based on our experience with him, we pray that he will be given a second chance with his ministry.

As we know him, Fr. Buck is a wonderful counselor, friend, and teacher of God's word. We're certain he still has much to give and share with the people of the Chicago Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



cc: Archbishop of Chicago
PO Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

cc: Rev Dan Buck
PO Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

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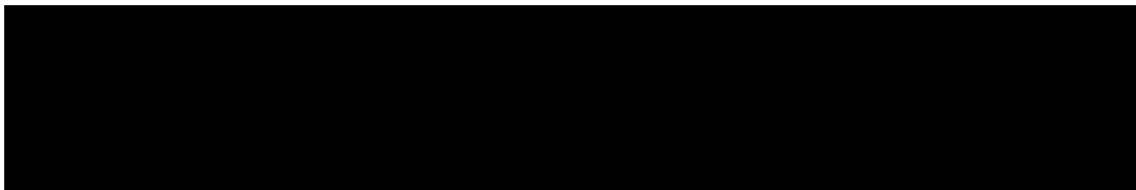
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Monitoring Protocols

Standardized Monitoring

- **Daily Log**
 - Each man is required to complete a Daily Log
 - Logs are to be signed by the monitor
 - All logs are to be forwarded to the Office of Professional Fitness Review every two weeks [start date to be determined in meeting attended by each man, his respective Vicar, and PFRA]
 - Review Board has advised to have Daily Log instituted immediately
 - Daily Log to be signed by Fr. Anthony Talarico [current on-site monitor] for now; Board agreed with suggestion of having a Lay person as monitor
 - For those men not currently residing in on-site facility, their respective monitor is required to sign off on Daily Log prior to it being sent to the Office of Professional Fitness Review
- **Check-in with On-Site Monitor**
 - Those men under monitoring must check in with his designated monitor each morning
 - A form [to be created] noting daily check in must be completed, signed, and forwarded to the Office of Professional Fitness Review every two weeks [start date to be determined in meeting attended by each man, his respective Vicar, and PFRA]
- **Travel/Vacation Requests**
 - The current form has been approved for use
 - The form must be completed and forwarded to the Office of Professional Fitness Review prior to departure
- **Ministry in Certain Circumstances [i.e. death of a family member]**
 - Situation is to be discussed and decided upon by both the Vicar for Priests and the PFRA
- **Computer Usage [by accused]**
 - Notice given to all men under monitoring that inappropriate use of any communications technology is prohibited by monitoring standards
- **Violation of Protocols**
 - A serious violation of monitoring protocols could lead to canonical sanctions





- **Individual Specific Protocol**
- Each man under monitoring will have an Individual Specific Protocol [ISP] form
- Each form will consist of designated fields that will be initialed by PFRA to reflect the specific monitoring of the identified individual

- **Meeting with Men Under Monitoring Protocols**
 - **Initially**, PFRA to meet with each man under monitoring **monthly**
 - PFRA then to meet with each man under monitoring **semi-annually**
 - VP to meet with each man under monitoring **semi-annually**

- **Any individual not willing to cooperate with the monitoring process could lead to ecclesiastical penalties being applied**

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June 6, 2003



Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on April 26, 2003 and was scheduled to conduct a Second Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Daniel Buck pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation to postpone the Second Stage Review of this matter until [REDACTED] formal allegation against you is presented to the Board. The Board will review both your and [REDACTED]'s allegations at the same meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach them at 312.751.8307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".
Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry

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June 6, 2003

Rev. Daniel Buck
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

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Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on April 26, 2003 and was scheduled to conduct a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation to postpone the Second Stage Review of this matter until [REDACTED] formal allegation against you is presented to the Board. The Board will review both Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] allegations at the same meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmmcluskey@arch-chicago.org]. Also, please know that your Vicar Fr. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. He may be reached at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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June 7, 2003

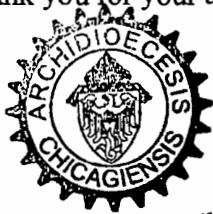
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of May 7 in response to your letter of April 28, 2003, regarding the matter of **Reverend Daniel Buck**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who does not exercise public ministry, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. I understand that a Second Stage Review was to be conducted by the Review Board on April 26, 2003.

I accept the Review Board's decision to postpone the Second Stage Review until [REDACTED] formal allegation against Father Buck is present to the Review Board. I also accept the Review Board's recommendation that you notify Father Buck of the legal action that may be taken against him by Mrs. [REDACTED] and present the April 25, 2003 statement of [REDACTED] to him. As the Review Board has recommended, I also ask you to urge Father Buck not to speak with [REDACTED] about this statement. I will also look into the possibility of restricting Father Buck's residence at his lake home while this matter is still pending.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Richard Sanders

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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June 11, 2003

Fr. Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck,

Enclosed you will find a draft copy of your response to [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct brought against you. Please take the time to read over the report and make any corrections/changes to what I have written based upon our meeting that took place on May 12, 2003. Please then return the report to me with your corrections in the envelope provided. I will then make the necessary changes and return the report for your signature.

Please feel free to contact me at 312 751-5205 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Enclosure

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Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

June 13, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey - Administrator
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Dear Ms. McCluskey;

On advice of my canonical advocate,
Rev. Kenneth Kancheck, J.C.D., J.D., I am
putting in writing some details which
we discussed in our May 12, 2003 meeting
concerning the home I own with classmates
on the shore of [REDACTED]. Please
share these statements with whomever
needs to hear them.

My decisions are not motivated by
a sense of guilt. The allegations against
me are as false and slanderous today
as they were when they first surfaced.
However, I do not desire any confrontation
with my accusers or their immediate
families; and I want to be sensitive to
the difficult position in which the
Archdiocese finds itself. I am not
concerned about these women's other
relatives, including their mother, since
all of them have continued to be
cordial and friendly toward me
up to the present time.

I enjoy my home with my classmates on Tuesdays. This has been the pattern for the last thirty-one years, sometimes some of us arrive on Monday evening. More often we stay over till Wednesday morning. Because of circumstances in the lives of my classmates unrelated to my situation, we have decided not to take any vacation time at our house this summer. Thus the only time I will be at my house this summer will be during the time from Monday evenings to Wednesday mornings. At all other times, the house will be vacant.

I have agreed that, given due notice (preferably ten days to two weeks in advance) by an acceptable third party, I will absent myself from my home whenever either of my accusers or their immediate families are going to be present as guests of their relatives

[REDACTED]

I continue to maintain that any further restrictions on my access to my Tuesday sanctuary would be vindictive, unjust, and injurious to my psychological and spiritual well-being and that of my classmates.

If you desire further clarification of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc. Francis Cardinal George
Jimmy M. Lago
Rev. James Kaczorowski
Rev. Kenneth Kauchek

Sincerely,
Rev. Daniel P. Buck



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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

645 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 543

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Off: (312) 642-1837

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To: Father Kenneth Kauchek

From: Father Jim Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests

Date: June 19, 2003

Re: Father Daniel Buck

Attached is a document which will be the subject of our conference tomorrow, Friday, June 20, 2003, at 10:00 AM with Father Daniel Buck. He chose you to be his canonical advocate. It is not necessary that you be present for the conference. If you have any questions or observations to make, please contact me, Father Kaczorowski at 312-642-1837 or Father Dan Smilanic at 312-751-8206.

Thank you for your concerns and consideration.

Confidential

To: Father Daniel Buck

From: Father Jim Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests

Date: June 19, 2003

Re: Protocol

Attached is the protocol which will be the subject of our conference tomorrow, Friday, June 20, 2003, at 10:00 AM. I faxed a copy to your canon lawyer. If you have any questions , please call me or Father Smilanic at 312-751-8206.

Confidential

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Fr. Kenneth R. Kauchek
4571 John R. Road
Troy, Michigan 48098

Dear Fr. Kauchek,

Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the Monitoring Protocols that were presented to Fr. Daniel Buck in a meeting attended by Fr. Buck, Fr. James Kaczorowski [Vicar for Priests], Fr. Daniel Smilanic [Promoter of Justice and Delegate to the Cardinal], and myself.

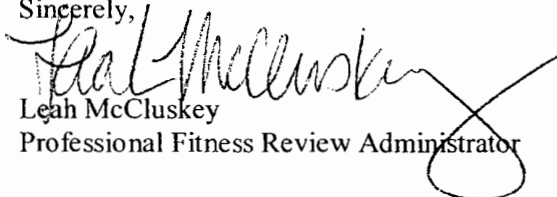
Fr. Buck stated that he wished to discuss the protocols with you prior to providing his signature. I informed Fr. Buck that I would forward copies of the following forms to your attention: Monitoring Protocols, Fr. Buck's Individual Specific Protocol, the Clergy Daily Log, and the Travel/Vacation Agreement. Copies of these forms were also given to Fr. Buck at the aforementioned meeting. I requested that Fr. Buck speak with you and then contact me regarding the protocols presented to him within ten days of today's date.

I have also enclosed a copy of our policies and procedures, *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns:

Leah McCluskey
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676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
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312 751-5205, office
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lmcccluskey@arhcchicago.org

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, June 21, 2003

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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I. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2003

II. Case Reviews

Initial Review

A.

B.

[REDACTED]

Second Stage Review

C. In the Matter of Daniel Buck [Withdrawn] – PFR - 01

The Review Board was to conduct a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: Fr. Buck fondled [REDACTED] under her clothes.

The Board made a unanimous 6-0 vote to postpone the review of this matter until July 19, 2003. Further, the Board made the additional recommendations:

1. [REDACTED]
2. That Daniel Buck signs and adhere to the current monitoring protocols.
3. If Daniel Buck does not agree to comply with the monitoring protocols within ten days [from June 20, 2003] that Cardinal George apply formal canonical measures.

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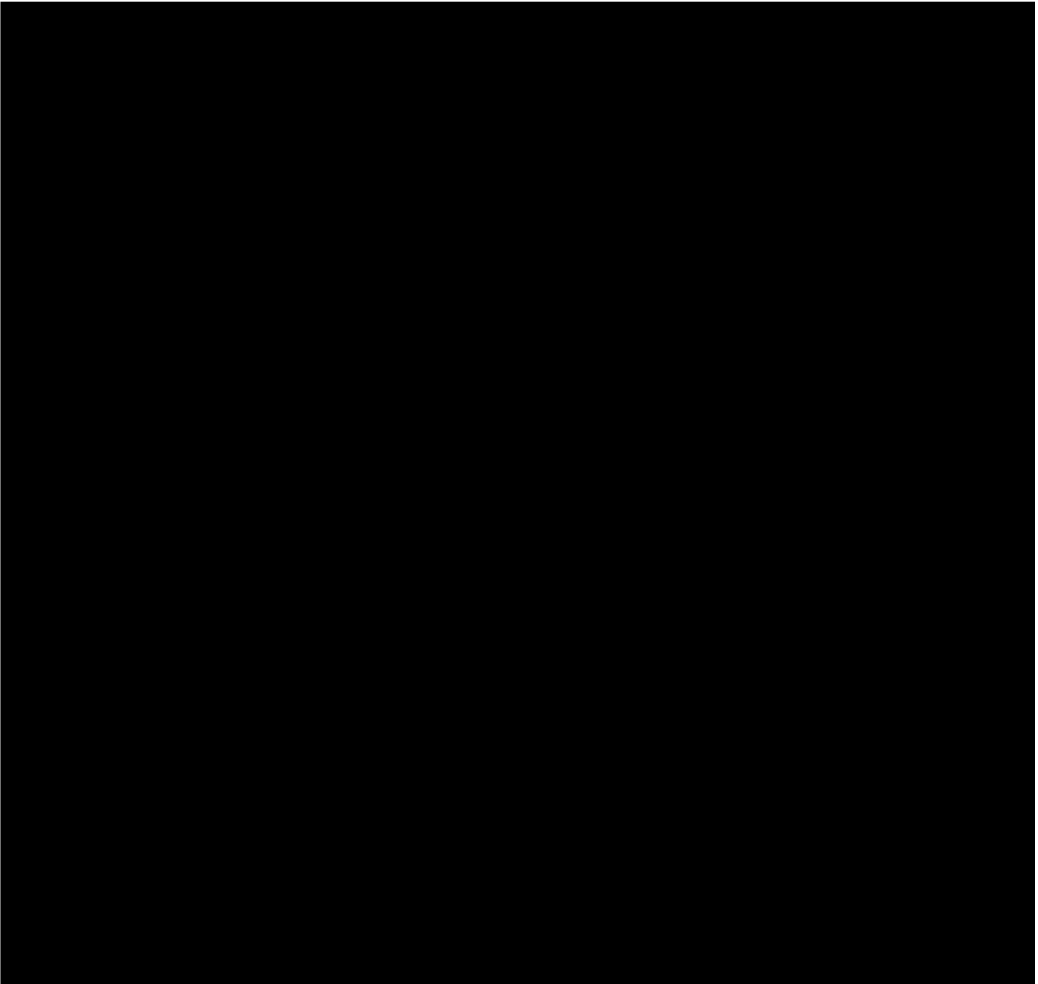
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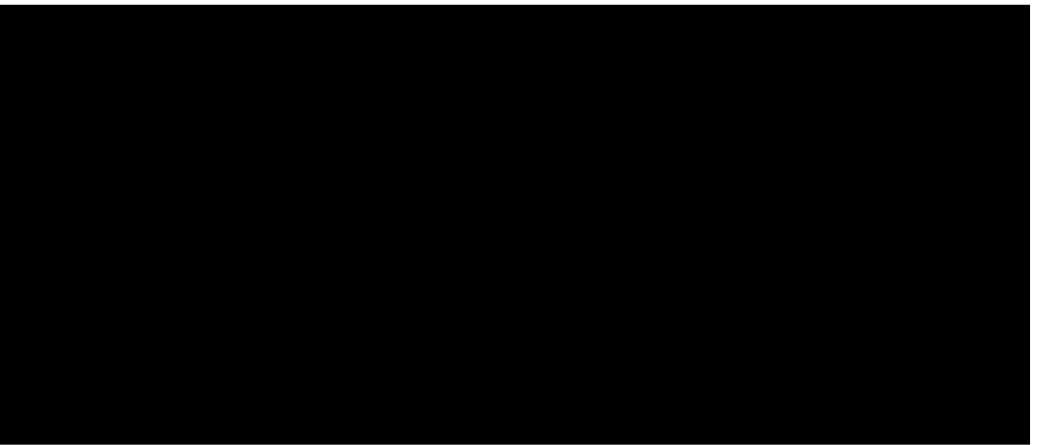
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Cc: Review Board Members
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PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, June 21, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2003

II. Case Reviews

Initial Reviews:

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

Second Stage Reviews:

C. In the Matter of Daniel Buck (Withdrawn) - PFR-01

- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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against Daniel Bruck
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If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

*I accept this decision.
Fr. James
June 27 2003*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
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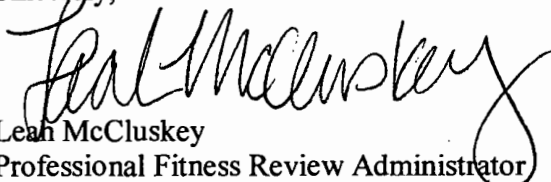
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Re: Daniel Buck (Withdrawn)
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

After consulting my canonical advocate, I have decided to sign the Individual Specific Protocol given to me at our meeting on 20 June. However, I want the record to indicate that I do this under protest. I do not believe that Canon 1722, strictly interpreted, or any other canon provides for such a violation of my personal autonomy and privacy. And there is nothing in my personal history of at least the last nineteen years which justifies such draconian measures. I sign this document under duress because I have been threatened with unspecified canonical sanctions if I do not sign.

I would not expect these punitive restrictions to take effect until my compatriots have signed their I. S. P.'s.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc. Frances Cardinal George

Jimmy Lago

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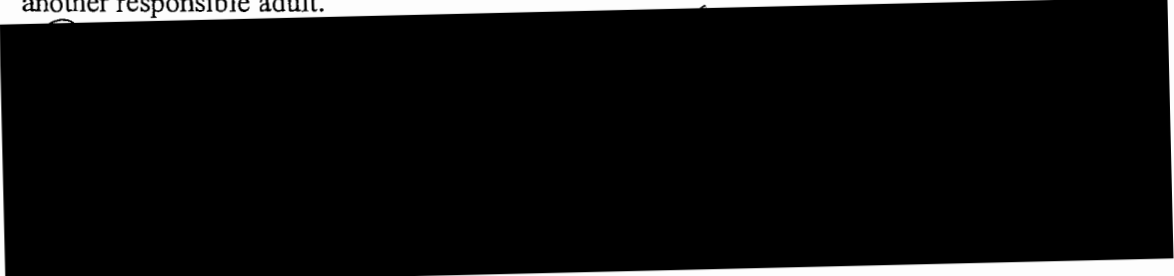
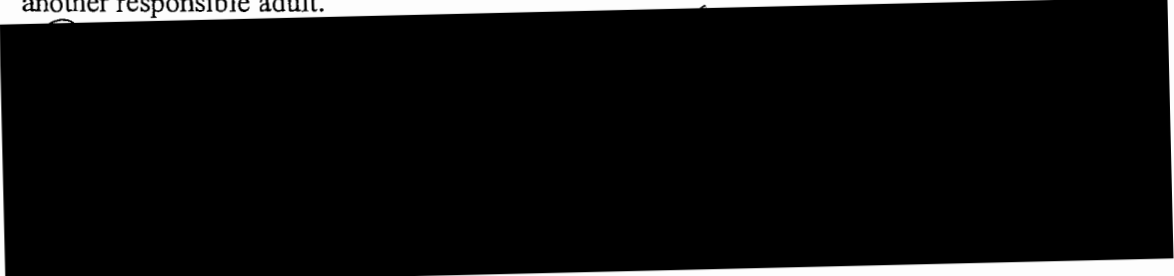
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For

Fr. Daniel P. Buck

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I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all requirements of this Protocol.

Signed: Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Date: 29 Jun 2003

Printed Name: _____

Signature of PFRA: [Signature]

Date: 7/29/03

Signature of VP: [Signature]

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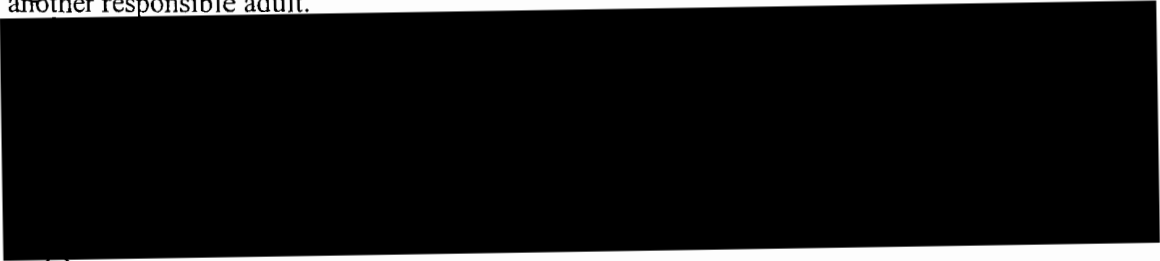
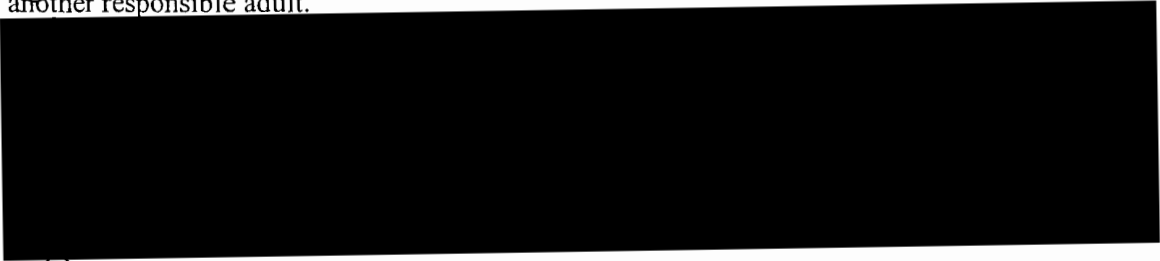
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July 1, 2003

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding my client, Father Daniel P. Buck, priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I am also in receipt of the protocol and a copy of the original document from the Professional Fitness Review Board. These are the monitoring protocols and the individual specific protocol for my client, Father Daniel P. Buck. Following consultation with my client, I have instructed Father Buck to sign the monitoring protocols and the individual specific protocol coupled with a letter specifying that he signs under duress.

The purpose of my letter to you is in response to the issues which I believe surfaced regarding the monitoring protocols and the individual specific protocol placed upon my client. It is my belief that the Archdiocese of Chicago is operating on improper and ill-conceived policies both in Canon and Civil Law.

To the best of my knowledge having closely monitored the case of my client I find that no canonical preliminary criminal investigation has been conducted in accordance with canonical procedures according cc. 1771 – 1722. I am unaware of the appointment of an investigator (c. 1717 §1) with the powers and duty of an auditor (c. 1717 §3) along with the appointment of a canonical notary (cc. 1437 §1 and 1561). Also, I am unaware as to whether or not the Archbishop of Chicago exercised his role as judge overseeing the collection of proofs (c. 1428 §3). Canons 1530, 1558, 1560, 1563, 1572 along with Canon 1718 §1 and 1719 have not been properly followed in that the appropriate decrees from each of these above mentioned canons have not been issued. Since no canonical process was followed I don't understand how a judgment by the Fitness Review Board, if there was "reasonable cause to suspect" sexual

misconduct with a minor, could be issued proclaiming the guilt of any of the priests mentioned in your January 16, 2003 report of the Chancellor.

Of greater concern to me is the issue regarding the protocols which Father Daniel Buck is compelled to sign under duress, and the monitoring of those protocols. Having reviewed the protocols and the monitoring process which the Archdiocese of Chicago has sought to impose upon my client I find that is not in keeping with the universal law of the Church.

Instinctively I must inform you that the canonical rationale for your restrictive protocols, Canon 49, which does provide for an individual precept can and may be used when a priest is failing to observe a law or is violating a law, has no application to a protocol restricting a priests' legitimate exercise of his constitutional rights. Canon 18 allows only that a protocol, which is not a penalty, maybe imposed only in so far as the law allows. They are not to be used as restrictions upon personal freedom.

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Father Daniel Buck who has been accused of sexual misconduct must be afforded the canonical due process to which he is entitled. Your policies and practices regarding protocols which will restrict the freedom of a priest must be brought into compliance with universal law. Although I have instructed my client to sign the protocols he has done so only under duress.

I am unaware of any other Diocese or Archdiocese which imposes the type of monitoring restrictions which the Archdiocese of Chicago imposes upon priests who have been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor. In mostly all of the Dioceses in which I have active cases, while the canonical process is pending, the accused is free to live on his own and come and go as he wishes without reporting to anyone. It would be hard to argue that the restrictions imposed by your Archdiocese are necessary and/or legitimate. They certainly are not normative. I would request a review of your policies so that they might be brought in line with universal law.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., J.D.

CC: Reverend James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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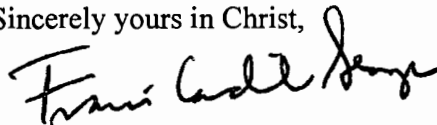
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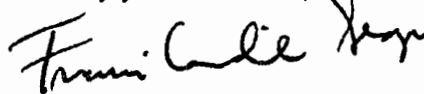
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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Daniel

Date: July 6, 2003

PRA, Fr. James Kaczorowski [Vicar for Priests], and Fr. Daniel Smilanic [Promoter of Justice, Delegate to the Cardinal] met with Fr. Daniel Buck on June 20, 2003 to review Fr. Buck's new monitoring protocols. PRA also gave Fr. Buck a copy of the most recent *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

Fr. Buck was admittedly upset prior to the commencement of the meeting. He began by expressing his concern for what he described as a lack of confidentiality in faxing the monitoring information to his residence, as well as the residence of his canonical advocate Fr. Kenneth Kauchek. Fr. Kaczorowski explained to Fr. Buck that he had phoned contacts both at his and Fr. Kauchek's residences to notify of the moment that the aforementioned information was to be faxed.

When presented the monitoring information at the meeting, Fr. Buck stated that he did not receive copies of all of the documentation. He was presented the needed copies by PRA at the meeting. PRA also assured Fr. Buck that all of the monitoring information would be overnighted to Fr. Kauchek.

Fr. Buck had several questions/concerns regarding the monitoring protocols in relation to his canonical rights. Fr. Smilanic addressed all of Fr. Buck's concerns, however, Fr. Buck was not satisfied with all of Fr. Smilanic's explanations.

PRA again informed Fr. Buck that copies of all of the monitoring information that he received today would be overnighted to his canonical advocate, Fr. Kauchek. PRA requested that Fr. Buck discuss the information with Fr. Kauchek and then provide PRA with a signed copy indicating his agreement to abide by the aforementioned protocols within 10 days.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: **Buck, Daniel [Withdrawn]** 

Date: July 8, 2003

PRA contacted Fr. Daniel Buck via phone on July 7, 2003 regarding his approval of the report written of his response to the allegations of sexual misconduct made by   PRA asked Fr. Buck if he had had the opportunity to read the document and make any changes necessary prior to him providing his signature. Fr. Buck stated that he "will stick to my earlier [written] response" and that his attorney [Patrick Reardon] should have already contacted PRA. Fr. Buck commented that he would rather be satisfied with his written response to Mrs.  allegation than have to make the changes necessary to PRA's report.

Fr. Buck was informed that Mr. Reardon had still not been in contact with PRA regarding his [Fr. Buck's] response to the aforementioned allegation. Fr. Buck was surprised by this information and stated that he would be in contact with Mr. Reardon.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
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July 9, 2003

Mr. Patrick Reardon
221 N. LaSalle Street
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Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
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RE:

Rev. Daniel Buck

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR REVIEW ☐ PLEASE COMMENT ☐ PLEASE APPROVE ☐ PLEASE RETURN

Pat,

Here are the two letters concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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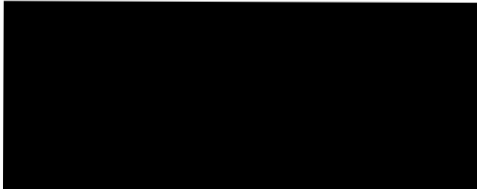
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July 14, 2003



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Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
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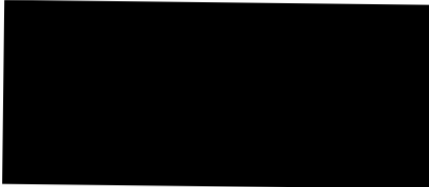
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Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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July 14, 2003

Fr. Daniel Buck
C/o Fr. Kenneth R. Kaucke, J.C.D.
4571 John R. Road
Troy, Michigan 48098

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Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 15, 2003

To: Rev. Pat Lagges

From: Most Rev. Raymond Goedert 

Re: Rev. Daniel Buck

Cc: Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
Rev. James Kaczorowski ✓

Attached is a copy of the letter of July 1, 2003 which Father Buck's canonical attorney sent to Ms. Leah McCluskey. Cardinal George received a copy and sent it on to me.

I would appreciate your preparing a response for the Cardinal and also advising him of the accuracy or inaccuracy of Father Kauchek's remarks concerning our Archdiocesan policies. I would agree with some of his comments were we still following the pre-Dallas policies. But I think that we are functioning legally now, in the light of our most recent revisions. Let me know what you think, Pat. Thanks much!

AOC 009098

**Metropolitan Tribunal
Archdiocese of Chicago**



Memo

To: Cardinal George
From: Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic - *DS*
Date: July 16, 2003
Re: Decree and Letter pursuant the Rev. Daniel Buck

Fr. Jim Kaczorowski asked me to prepare something to address the situation of Fr. Buck and his house at the lake. Attached please find a decree and a cover letter.

The decree is a draft. I am checking to make sure the addresses of the homes are correct. Also, I have asked Leah McCluskey to review several of the clauses for veracity, as my files are not as complete as hers are.

The letter would accompany the decree to Fr. Buck. I made it as simple as possible.

Is this what you want?

These are fine *TX* *[Signature]*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal George
cc: Bishop Goedert
Father Kaczorowski
Ms. Leah McCluskey
FROM: Father Lagges
RE: Letter from Father Buck's advocate
DATE: 16 July, 2003

I was asked by Bishop Goedert to prepare a response to Father Kauchek's letter of 1 July, 2003 in which he accused the Archdiocese of not following canonical procedures in the case against Father Buck.

First, I do not believe the letter was composed by Father Kauchek. It bears an uncanny resemblance to other letters we have received from Father Kealy. What further confirms this for me is that Father Kauchek signs himself as a "J.D.", a degree which, to the best of my knowledge, he does not have. I suspect we will see other similar letters turning up in the near future as we prepare to send these cases to Rome.

Second, in a letter of 27 May, 2003, you informed Father Buck that you had issued a decree appointing Ms. Leah McCluskey as the one who would conduct the inquiry into the facts, circumstances, and imputability of the latter. You had also issued a decree prior to that, spelling out what Ms. McCluskey's duties were to be. It is not the practice of any ecclesiastical court to send the actual decrees to the parties. We simply send them a letter informing them of the actions that are specified in the decree, which you did in your letter of 27 May, 2003.

Third, Father Kealy/Kauchek has consistently been making use of two documents as if they were canonically binding: the Chancellor's report of 16 January 2003 and an interview given by Archbishop Julian Herranz. A report/interview given to the media has no juridical effects.

Fourth, with regard to the "monitoring protocols," Father Kauchek/Kealy rightly says that the authority to supervise priests rests with the bishop. However, in that same letter of 27 May, 2003, you informed Father Buck (and the other accused priests) that you had delegated Leah McCluskey to supervise this task. The monitoring was still yours; you are carrying out this task through Leah McCluskey. Bishops delegate all sorts of activities; it's what they are permitted to do by virtue of c. 137. It would really be stretching it to claim (as Father Kauchek/Kealy does) that this is an exercise of judicial power. "Judicial power" in the Code refers to the act of

judging. Canon 135§2 says that all acts preparatory to the exercise of judicial authority can be delegated.

Fifth, Father Kealy's constant use of the term "bishop as judge", which Father Kaucke adopts here, is a broad use of the term. In canon 1717, you can't really refer to "bishop as judge" because there is no judicial process as yet. The Preliminary Investigation called for in c. 1717 is in order to determine whether there must *be* a judicial process. Therefore, the bishop is exercising executive authority at this point, not judicial. Father Kealy is reading too much into the description of the one doing the investigation as having "the same powers and obligations as an auditor in the process...(c. 1717§3)." The canon does not state that the person *is* an auditor. It says that the person's powers are *analogous* to an auditor's. The nature of an analogy is that it is "somewhat the same and somewhat different." If the Code meant "auditor" it would have said "auditor." Similarly, requiring the presence of a notary is not something required for validity, since the canon does not mention the presence of a notary.

Sixth, with regard to the juridical rationale for the monitoring protocol, I used the reference to c. 49 to indicate that we are not taking the more drastic measures of invoking c. 1722. Once the case is sent to Rome, you *could* make the monitoring protocol binding by means of a penal decree. (You could also do so in certain cases even now, as we will be recommending in the case of Father Buck.) The monitoring protocols are to ensure that the priest observes the obligations of the clerical state. Because there is a suspicion that he has not observed them, you issued a singular precept which "enjoins a specific person or persons to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law (c. 49)." The "monitoring protocol" urges the priest to observe the laws concerning the obligations of the clerical state (cc. 273-289).

Seventh, the Review Board is not imposing a monitoring protocol; you are. The Administrator and the Board are monitoring how well the protocol is being followed and reporting back to you about it.

Finally, it should be remembered that there is incriminating evidence in Father Buck's file which indicates that he sexually abused a young woman. This would be enough to get Father Buck permanently removed from ministry, according to the Dallas Charter and Norms. Father Buck's past behavior has forced us to act with greater caution with regard to the new allegations, which is sufficient reason for the restrictive protocol.

I will draft a response for you to sign if you choose to do so. Since the letter was directed to Leah and not you, I'm not sure that it requires your response. I'm also not sure it's a good idea to respond to a "cc."

Let me know if you need anything else on this.

PFR-01

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Leah McCluskey
cc: Bishop Goedert
Father Kaczorowski
Father Smilanic
Mr. Jimmy Lago
Mr. John O'Malley

FROM: Father Lagges *PL*

RE: Precepts: An Oversight

DATE: 18 July, 2003

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

Enclosed are copies of precepts that should have accompanied the copies of letters from the Cardinal delegating you to receive information concerning the monitoring of priests accused of sexual misconduct.

I'm sorry that I didn't send these on until now. The precept simply spells out the canonical rationale, and doesn't alter anything from the previous letter.

I am not sending copies to the accused, since we don't usually send procedural decrees to people. The 27 May letter explained the gist of what is in the precept.

Sorry.

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FAX

Date

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TO:

Rev. James Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests

Phone

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FROM:

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
4571 John R
Troy, MI 48098

Phone

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CC:

REMARKS:

☒ Urgent☐ For your review☐ Reply ASAP☐ Please Comment

Dear Father:

My client, Rev. Daniel Beck,
informed me that your office lacks
a copy of the mandate. I have
enclosed another copy for
you.

Fraternally
(Rev) Ken Karcheck

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July 18, 2003

Reverend Kenneth Kauchek, J.C.D., J.D.
St. Anastasia Catholic Church
4571 John R
Troy, MI 48065-3559

Dear Father Kauchek:

I am responding to your letter of July 1, which you sent to my attention regarding Fr. Daniel Buck. The Cardinal has accepted the protocols established for Fr. Buck based upon the recommendation of the Professional Responsibility Review Board (formerly known as the Professional Fitness Review Board). As mentioned in the Cardinal's letter written to Fr. Buck, dated May 27, 2003, I have been delegated by the Cardinal to receive information concerning the monitoring, and report back to the Cardinal concerning Fr. Buck's compliance.

I have been advised by the Cardinal that the provisions in the Code of Canon Law regarding Father Buck's case are being followed. In the Cardinal's May 27th letter to Fr. Buck, he was informed that I had been appointed by the Cardinal to conduct the inquiry which is specified in c. 1717 as part of the preliminary investigation of this matter. The Cardinal delegated me the authority of an auditor and have been asked to report back to the Cardinal about the facts, circumstances, and imputability of the matter.

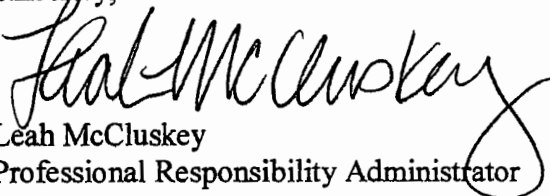
I have also been delegated to carry out the monitoring of Fr. Buck's behavior. This is to assist the Cardinal in his responsibility of ensuring that Fr. Buck fulfills the obligations of the clerical state, which he has been accused of violating. Because the accusations have a semblance of truth to them, the Cardinal believes it is important to monitor Fr. Buck's activities more closely.

In regards to your concerns of the monitoring imposed upon Fr. Buck in relation to other dioceses, the Cardinal acknowledges the fact that this monitoring may be different than that of other diocesan bishops, however, the Cardinal has the authority to make such decisions with regard to matters of governance in this particular church. As per the Cardinal, what is done in one diocese is not necessarily what ought to be done in another.

AOC 009104

I hope this answers some of your concerns. Should you have more specific exceptions to raise regarding canonical procedures, you will have the opportunity to do so during the course of the penal trial, which will be held pending the permission of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, July 19, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2003

II. Monitoring Protocol Update

- Recommendation of Review Board that a statement be added to the Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols [ISP] that the accused's signature on the ISP does not imply an admission of guilt

- [REDACTED]

III. Update of FEG's decisions based upon Review Board recommendations from June 21, 2003

IV. Case Reviews

Initial Review

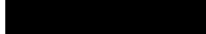
A. [REDACTED]

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Second Stage Reviews

C. In the Matter of Daniel Buck [Withdrawn] – PFR-01

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In a 7-0 vote with one member abstaining, the Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that Fr. Buck's withdrawal from ministry continue and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

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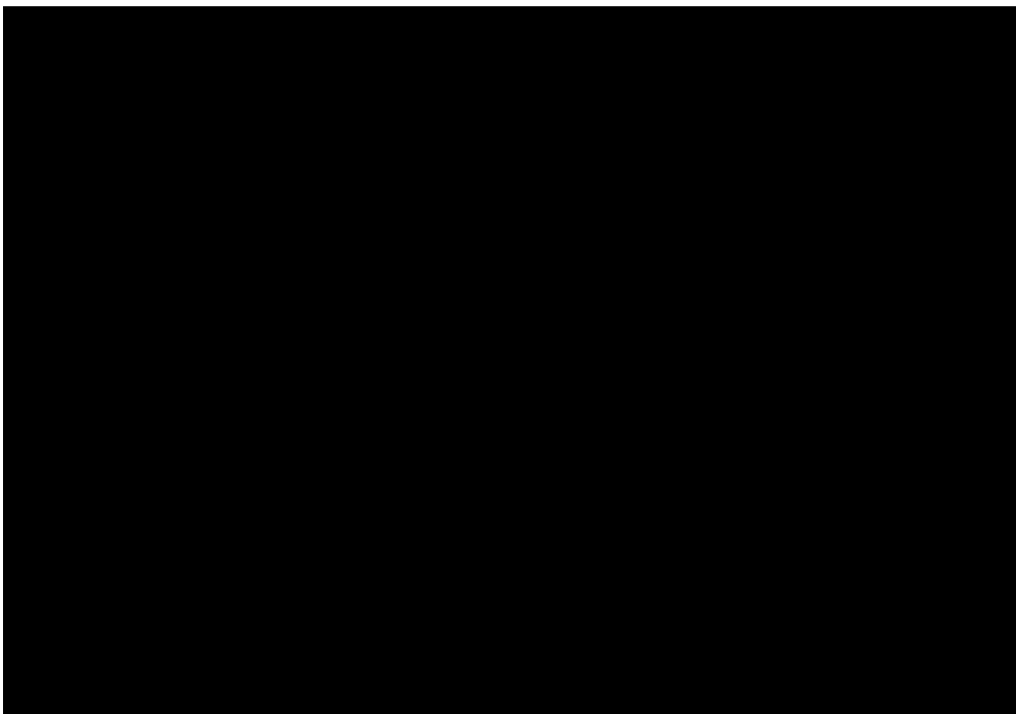
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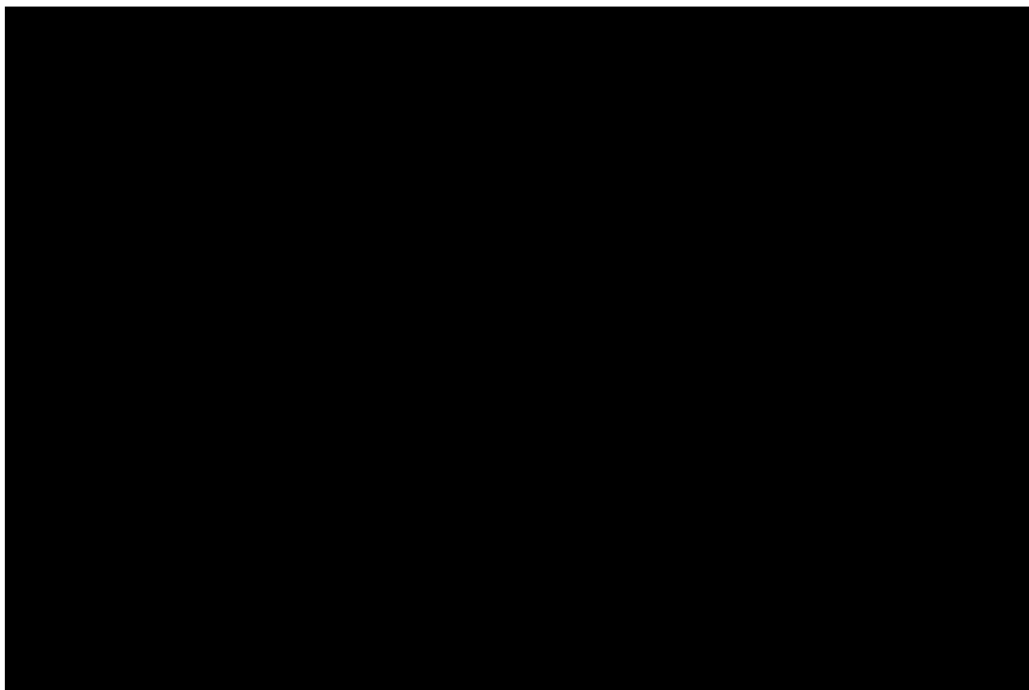


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Review for Cause

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V. Other Matters



Next scheduled meeting is August 16, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING **Saturday, July 19, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2003
- II. Case Reviews

Initial Reviews:

- A. [REDACTED]
- B. [REDACTED]

Second Stage Reviews:

- C. In the Matter of Daniel Buck (Withdrawn) - PFR-01
 - Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- D. [REDACTED]
- E. [REDACTED]

Review for Cause:

- F. [REDACTED]

- III. Other Matters

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, August 16, 2003

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 7/19/03 to conduct a
(enter date: month/day/year)
(check one:) ☐ First Stage Review ☒ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report
regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name of alleged victim)
against Daniel Buck (Withdrawn)
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)
☐ a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)
☐ a resigned priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)
☐ a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: fondling of chest + genitals, backrubs
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:)

- ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:)

- ☒ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends:

7-0 reasonable cause to suspect
1 abstain

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MEMORANDUM

To: File –PFR-01

From: Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting

Re: **Daniel Buck (Withdrawn)**

Date: July 19, 2003

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on July 19, 2003:

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☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☒ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 7-0 reasonable cause to suspect; I abstain

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MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-01

From: Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting

Re: **Daniel Buck (Withdrawn)**

Date: July 19, 2003

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on July 19, 2003:

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The claim is as follows: Fr. Buck fondled [REDACTED] under her clothes.

In a 7-0 vote with one member abstaining, the Board recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that Fr. Buck's withdrawal from ministry continue and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

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July 21, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

As the Auditor whom you appointed in accord with Canon 1717 to conduct a Preliminary Investigation into the allegations of sexual abuse of minors that have been made against the Rev. Daniel P. Buck, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I would like to inform you that the investigation has been completed.

As required by Canon 1718, a sufficient amount of material is present for you to make a determination. I have examined the files of the investigations of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by Fr. Buck, and I have found the investigations to be complete.

There is at least one allegation that was submitted to the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board in which the Board recommended to you that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct did occur. Given the material gathered as the Board's instruction of the case, it is now necessary for you to determine if the elements meet the required standard of proof. The Board reported their finding to you after having discussed the evidence and the arguments in two formal sessions. As part of the procedure followed by the Board, Fr. Buck was read the allegations made against him and provided his response to each. With reference to his involvement in the instruction of the case, Fr. Buck had the advice of legal counsel.

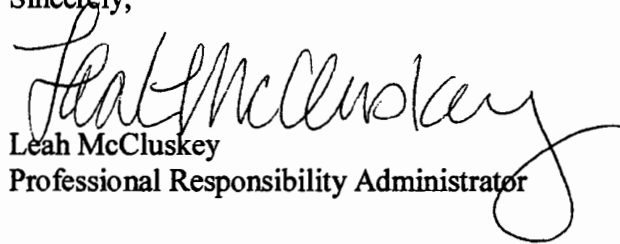
I now submit this matter to your Eminence for a determination. It is my recommendation that the allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against the Rev. Daniel J. Buck has the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon 1717 and Article 13 of the Procedural Norms *de gravioribus delictis*, and consequently the case should be sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

There is at least one allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Buck. The Professional Responsibility Review Board has been presented all allegations against Fr. Buck, and has reported to you the finding that at least one allegation provides reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged incident of misconduct did occur. It is my recommendation that the aforementioned allegation has the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as

required by Canon Law. As a result, there is no additional information that needs to be gathered at this time regarding at least one allegation made against Fr. Buck.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 312 751-5205.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept this
recommendation -
Fr. J. J.
Aug 13, 2003*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
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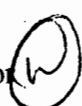


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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Daniel 

Date: July 22, 2003

PRA and Mayra Flores from Assistance Ministry spoke with  via phone on July 21, 2003. Mrs.  informed PRA that she and her family would be visiting her mother  home from Saturday, July 26, 2003 through Thursday, July 31, 2003. PRA assured Mrs.  that this information would be forwarded to Fr. James Kaczorowski, Fr. Buck's Vicar for Priests.

Mrs.  asked PRA if her allegation as well as her sister  allegation against Fr. Buck had been presented to the Review Board on Saturday, July 19, 2003 for a final review [Review for Cause]. PRA informed Mrs.  that both allegations against Fr. Buck had been presented to the Board and recommendations have been made to the Cardinal. Mrs.  understood that PRA is unable to provide her with the determination from the Cardinal until it is received in writing. She would appreciate a phone call at her sister  home once PRA receives the Cardinal's final decision on the matter.

Mrs.  also informed PRA and AM her intent to have letters written/obtain signatures of other families on  in support of having Fr. Buck stay away from the property. Mrs.  was advised to send such documentation to the attention of PRA.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Daniel [REDACTED]

Date: July 22, 2003

PRA spoke with Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests, on July 21, 2003 regarding [REDACTED] plan to visit her mother [REDACTED] home from Saturday, July 26, 2003 through Thursday, July 30, 2003.

Fr. Kaczorowski agreed to speak with Fr. Daniel Buck about Mrs. [REDACTED] planned visit and to request that Fr. Buck not be present at his home on [REDACTED] over the aforementioned time period.

PRA received a message from Fr. Kaczorowski on July 22, 2003 stating that he spoke with Fr. Buck and Fr. Buck agreed to not be at his home on [REDACTED] from July 26, 2003 through August 31, 2003. PRA spoke with [REDACTED] via phone on July 22, 2003 and informed her that Fr. Kaczorowski had spoken with Fr. Buck regarding her planned visit to her mother's home.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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**Metropolitan Tribunal
Archdiocese of Chicago**



Memo

C O P Y

To: Cardinal George
From: Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic
Date: July 23, 2003
Re: Decree and Letter pursuant to the Rev. Daniel Buck

Attached please find the final draft of the decree and corresponding cover letter which Fr. Jim Kaczorowski asked me to prepare to address the situation of Fr. Buck and his house at the lake.

I am sorry this is so late, but I wanted to make as sure as possible that we had the correct addresses for the sake of specificity. The addresses in this decree represent our best efforts. I have designed the wording to fit even if the actual numbers turn out to be incorrect. [REDACTED]

I have sent electronic copies of the attached letter and decree to your secretaries so they can transfer them to your letterhead.

You might want to talk one last time with Jim Kaczorowski when you issue this so that he is prepared for how Fr. Buck may react. I know he has been in contact with Fr. Buck this week about this issue.

The letter would accompany a copy of the decree to Fr. Buck. I made it as simple as possible. The original of the decree should go either into his general Chancery file or into the more specific misconduct file. I will make sure that your secretaries have the addresses of his Attorney and his Canonical Advocate.

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Memorandum

To: File -PFR-01

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: Rev. Daniel Buck

Date: July 23, 2002

The following salary is effective July 1, 2002:

Rev. Daniel Buck ordained in 1971

- Pay Father Buck - \$21,475.00 annually
- Less 10% for PFR expenses (\$2,148) = \$19,327.00
- \$19,327.00 divided by 12 months = \$1,611.00
- Less \$100.00 paid to ING = **\$1,511.00 per month**

Cc: Rev. Daniel Buck
Vicar for Priests ✓

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23 July, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

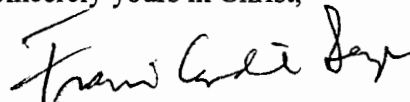
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I accept the Review Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that **Father Buck** engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor. I agree that he should continue to be prohibited from exercising public ministry and that his monitoring protocols should remain as stated.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

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cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General
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Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Minister
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July 23, 2003

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Ms. Leah McCluskey - Administrator
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

On July 22, Fr. Kaczorowski informed me that Mrs. [REDACTED], one of my false accusers, had told you that she would be visiting her relatives on [REDACTED] from July 26 to August 31. (These dates were subsequently corrected to July 26 - July 31.)

In keeping with the proposal I submitted to you in documents dated May 22 and June 13, 2003, I will stay away from my home [REDACTED] on these dates, as I have stated previously, I do this not because my accusers have any legal or moral right to demand it of me, nor because of any sense of guilt. Rather I am acting out of sensitivity to the feelings of these women and their immediate families, and because I do not wish any unnecessary confrontations.

Since Mrs. [REDACTED] has contacted you in this way, I conclude that she and her sister have agreed to my proposal, which also states that "any further restrictions on my access to my Tuesday sanctuary

would be vindictive, unjust, and injurious to my psychological and spiritual well-being and that of my classmates." (see June 13, 2003 letter)

Please contact me for any further clarification.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc. Francis Cardinal George
Rev. James Kaczorowski
Rev. Kenneth Kaucke

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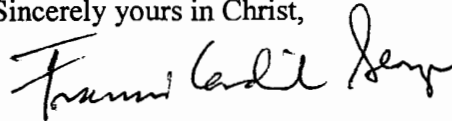
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Ecclesiastical Notary

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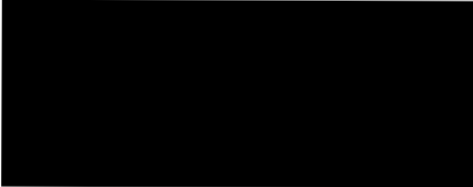
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July 30, 2003



Dear [REDACTED],

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
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July 30, 2003

Rev. Daniel Buck
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on July 30, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

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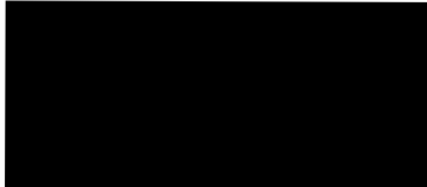
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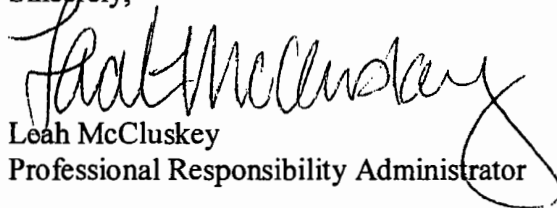
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July 31, 2003

Reverend Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

Dear Father Buck,

Attached please find a decree that I have issued today. As you will note, the decree forbids you from "... frequenting, visiting or inhabiting [REDACTED] Illinois, or any other location [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois..." until all of the canonical processes have been completed.

I want to draw your attention to two points. The first one is that the effect of this decree is temporary; it applies only until the canonical processes have been completed. The second one is that I am doing this in part for your own protection, as I mention explicitly in paragraph 11.

I am sorry to have to do this. However, having consulted with all those involved in this situation, I feel that this is now necessary.

A copy of this decree is also being sent to your Attorney and to your Canonical Advocate.

Please know that you are in my prayers during these difficult days.

Faternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

CC: Rev. James Kaczorowski
Rev. Kenneth Kauchek
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Mr. John O'Malley
Mr. Patrick G. Reardon
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic

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DECREE

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. AMEN.

Considering that in 1995 the Professional Fitness Review Board, now known as the Professional Responsibility Review Board, of the Archdiocese of Chicago found that an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against the Rev. Daniel Buck had substance (*saltem veri similem*);

Considering that two subsequent allegations of sexual abuse of a minor against the Rev. Daniel Buck have been formally presented to the Professional Responsibility Review Board of the Archdiocese of Chicago by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and have been found to have substance;

Considering that [REDACTED] the mother of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is exclusively domiciled at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois and that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] often frequent that location with their children;

Aware that the Rev. Daniel Buck is one of the legal owners of a house at [REDACTED] Illinois [REDACTED] which is located [REDACTED] and that he regularly resides at that location for one complete day a week minimally;

Attentive to the several recourses that have been made to the Archdiocese of Chicago by [REDACTED] and their legal representatives concerning the personal and familial consequences of the regular presence of the Rev. Daniel Buck on the property [REDACTED]

Conscious that I have provided for the canonical maintenance and sustenance of the Rev. Daniel Buck at Koenig Hall of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, Illinois in accord with Canons 281 and 1350;

Given that on May 23, 2003 in accord with Canon 1717, I decreed the instruction of a canonical Preliminary Investigation of all the allegations of sexual abuse against minors which have been made against the Rev. Daniel Buck;

Given that the US Norm 6 permits an Ordinary to invoke Canon 1722 once the Preliminary Investigation is in process if the Ordinary determines it is necessary, and given that Canon 1722 enables the Ordinary to forbid residence in a certain place in order to prevent scandal and to protect the freedom of witnesses;

Heedful that the Rev. Daniel Buck has been personally admonished on several occasions by my Vicar for Priests, the Rev. James Kaczorowski, about frequenting [REDACTED] Illinois while the matter of the allegations is under investigation and adjudication, and that he has been advised that his neglect of these admonitions could lead to canonical consequences and thus he has been lawfully cited about this matter;

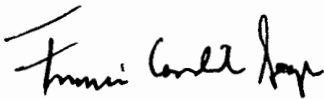
Observing that I have consulted the Promoter of Justice, the Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic JCD in this matter;

Having come to the determination that it is of a pressing necessity to prevent scandal and for the protection of witnesses, as well as for his own protection, that the Rev. Daniel Buck not be physically present in the area of his accusers and their families while the matter is under investigation and adjudication;

I, Francis Cardinal George OMI, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Archbishop of Chicago invoke Canon 1722 and

do hereby forbid the Rev. Daniel Buck from frequenting, visiting or inhabiting [REDACTED] Illinois, or any other location [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois, until the process of the Preliminary Investigation and the consequent canonical processes directed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, if any, are completed.

This decree is effective immediately. I direct that this decree be communicated without delay to the Rev. Daniel Buck, to his Canonical Advocate and to his Civil Legal Counsel.



Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archbishop of Chicago

July 31, 2003





Ecclesiastical Notary
Reverend Richard Saudis

Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

August 14, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

I have had a difficult time putting into words my feelings of sadness and great loss resulting from your decree of July 31, 2003. In the space of a paragraph you have taken away from me what has been, for thirty-one years, a place of relaxation and retreat, a place of refuge and renewal. I have been denied access to my most valuable and valued possessions and family heirlooms. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I feel sure that you are unaware of the profound psychological, spiritual, and financial injury to myself and my classmates caused by your decision.

With all due respect, I am disappointed that you seem to be so willing to accept the recommendations of your Review Board. This is the same Board that apparently did not hesitate to accept at face value the accusations of one woman who allegedly waited at least twenty-five years to bring forward her charges, and then only with the "help" of her notorious lawyer. (As an aside, I am pleased to see, in the Chicago Tribune of August 10, that our compatriots in the Joliet Diocese are acknowledging that the statute of limitations as enshrined in civil and canon law is there for good reason. I fear that the Archdiocese of Chicago, by choosing to disregard this time-honored principle, may make some lawyers happy and insure a continuing stream of "victims" with their hands out.) This is the same Board that apparently did not question that my other accuser, by [REDACTED] recovered the memory of her abuse [REDACTED] a phenomenon dismissed by virtually all reputable psychological professionals. This is the same Board that apparently disregarded my detailed defense which pointed out the many inconsistencies and contradictions in my accusers' testimony. This is the same Board that, in its eagerness to be supportive of "victims" and their attorneys, has turned upside-down the civil and canonical principle of innocence until guilt is proven. I feel sure that the Board's extra-canonical procedures will eventually lead to its undoing, but in the meantime I and my cohorts have to live with the consequences of its faulty deliberations. I'm sure you know that, even if I were a convicted sex offender, the civil authorities could not impose the

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restrictions on me that you are mandating.

I am angry, but the primary emotions I feel are sadness and depression. Up until now, I haven't seriously considered leaving the priesthood, but the possibility now weighs heavily on my mind. I wonder if my false accusers are aware that if they succeed in driving me out of priesthood, I'll be living in [REDACTED] full-time.

I cannot refrain from pointing out a few errors in the decree. Someone reading the decree could conclude that my accusers own property near mine. As you know, this is untrue. [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED]. The only person named in the decree who owns [REDACTED] property is [REDACTED], my accusers' mother. (By the way, the decree consistently misspells the family name.) Since I am not accused of molesting [REDACTED], and since she cannot know my guilt or innocence, she has no standing to dictate my comings and goings.

The decree also states that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] "often frequent" [REDACTED]'s home. By her own testimony, [REDACTED] visits once every two years. And if [REDACTED] wishes to visit her mother, she has five days a week when she can be sure I won't be present.

If the issue is making sure that there is no contact between me and my accusers, then my proposal of several months ago, which you received in writing, takes care of the matter. I promised that, given due notice, I would absent myself from my house whenever either of these women and their families would be present. Fr. Kaczorowski found this proposal to be satisfactory, and [REDACTED] invoked it for her biannual visit in July.

There is clearly a misunderstanding about my communication with Fr. Kaczorowski. While the Vicar for Priests told me on several occasions that you and your advisors were considering restricting my access to my home, he never admonished me to stay away from [REDACTED] while you were deliberating. Indeed he expressed agreement with my arguments against this drastic measure, and he promised to bring my protests to your attention. As stated above, he expressed approval of my compromise proposal. In the case of [REDACTED]'s recent visit, he made a point of correcting the erroneous dates I had initially been given so that I would know when I could resume my Tuesday pilgrimages. The implication that I have willfully neglected the admonitions of the Vicar for Priests is simply wrong.

Perhaps I'm missing something, but the reasons for your decree are unclear to me. My proposal has already insured that I "not be physically present in the area of (my) accusers and their families." Since the issue of the protection of children is nowhere mentioned in the decree, I conclude that the Archdiocese has rejected the outrageous claims of my false accusers that I present a threat to all children in the area of my house. The decree specifically mentions preventing scandal, protecting witnesses, and protecting me. What scandal? I have already been publically humiliated several times by Archdiocesan releases and media stories, and my [REDACTED] neighbors have been consistently supportive (including, until very recently, [REDACTED]). What witnesses? There are no witnesses to what did or didn't happen over a quarter century ago. If there were, this matter would have been settled quickly. From what do I need to be protected? The threats of unscrupulous and greedy lawyers?

I am sure that you emphasized the temporary nature of the decree in your cover letter in order to lift my sagging spirits. I deeply appreciate your concern. However, with all due respect, I must point out that the last time the word "temporary" appeared in a letter from you to me was in the communication which removed me from ministry and sent me to the Retreat House, dated June 25, 2002. That's a long "temporary"!

A critical question is, have my accusers and their attorney been informed of the temporary nature of the decree and my exile? Have they agreed to accept the outcome of the canonical processes? Since I have every reason to believe the canonical outcome will be favorable to me, I am concerned that many so-called victims and their lawyers and support groups have shown only contempt for the inner workings of the Catholic Church.

I appreciate your attention to this lengthy letter of mine. I pray that the painful, devastating effects of your decree may be short-lived. Your prayers are a powerful support to me. Know that you are in mine.

Yours in the Lord,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

CC. Rev. James Kaszorowski
 Rev. Daniel Smilanic
 Rev. Patrick Lagges
 Ms. Leah McCluskey
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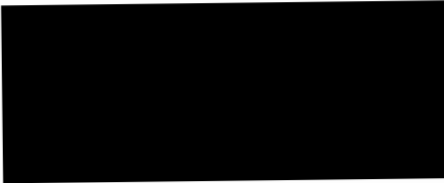
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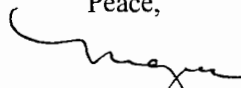
Dear [REDACTED]:

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well – especially [REDACTED], back home, who remains in my prayers.

I want you to know that the Office of Assistance Ministry is available to provide appropriate pastoral support, if you so desire. It might be a bit difficult logistically, but we could explore options as to how we could be in contact with one another. While I have been designated as the contact person, you may contact one or the other members of our office. They are Ralph Bonaccorsi, Director of the office, and Dr. Michael Bland, Clinical-Pastoral Coordinator. Any one of us can be reached at (312) 751-8267. For your convenience, we will accept the charges on your call if you wish.

[REDACTED] if in the meantime you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this further, please do not hesitate to call.

Peace,


Mayra Flores

cc: [REDACTED]

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bcc: Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Daniel

Date: August 26, 2003

PRA and Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Fr. Daniel Buck at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on July 29, 2003 regarding monitoring protocols.

It was explained to Fr. Buck that adjustments would be made to the Travel/Vacation Agreement form as well as the Daily Log form for clarification purposes. Adjusted forms will be provided to Fr. Buck and to his canonical advocate Rev. Kenneth R. Kaucke, JCD. PRA also provided Fr. Buck with a copy of *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, which was promulgated on July 15, 2003. Fr. Buck was informed that a copy of the newly promulgated policies and procedures would be mailed to Fr. Kaucke as well.

Prior to the meeting, Fr. Buck had provided PRA with a signed copy of his Individual Specific Monitoring Protocol. Fr. Buck expressed his concerns with the wording and information requested of him on the Travel/Vacation Agreement. A main concern was the inference that his travel companion would be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago for any concerns regarding Fr. Buck's behavior. Fr. Kaczorowski referred Fr. Buck to Fr. Patrick Leggas, Judicial Vicar and/or Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice.

Fr. Buck also expressed his concerns with the information requested on the Clergy Daily Log forms. PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski explained to Fr. Buck the extent of information needed on the forms.

Fr. Buck requested that copies all monitoring forms be forwarded to his canonical advocate, Rev. Kenneth R. Kaucke, J.C.D.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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August 26, 2003

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

As the Auditor whom you appointed in accord with Canon 1717 to conduct a Preliminary Investigation into the allegations of sexual abuse of minors that have been made against the Rev. Daniel P. Buck, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I would like to inform you that the investigation has been completed.

As required by Canon 1718, a sufficient amount of material is present for you to make a determination. I have examined the files of the investigations of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by Fr. Buck, and I have found the investigations to be complete.

There is at least one allegation that was submitted to the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board in which the Board recommended to you that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct did occur. Given the material gathered as the Board's instruction of the case, it is now necessary for you to determine if the elements meet the required standard of proof. The Board reported their finding to you after having discussed the evidence and the arguments in two formal sessions. As part of the procedure followed by the Board, Fr. Buck was read the allegations made against him and provided his response to each. With reference to his involvement in the instruction of the case, Fr. Buck had the advice of legal counsel.

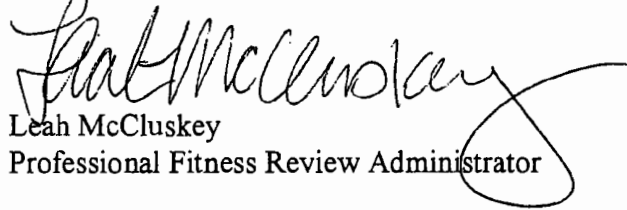
I now submit this matter to your Eminence for a determination. It is my recommendation that the allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against the Rev. Daniel J. Buck has the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon 1717 and Article 13 of the Procedural Norms *de gravioribus delictis*, and consequently the case should be sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

There is at least one allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Buck. The Professional Fitness Review Board has been presented all allegations against Fr. Buck, and has reported to you the finding that at least one allegation provides reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged incident of misconduct did occur. It is my recommendation that

the aforementioned allegation has the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon Law. As a result, there is no additional information that needs to be gathered at this time regarding at least one allegation made against Fr. Buck.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 312 751-5205.

Sincerely,

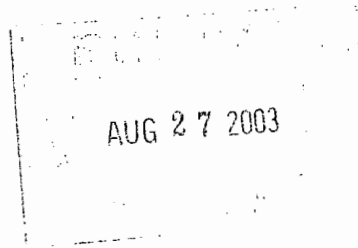
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Leah McCluskey

Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Saint Emily Parish

For Jim Kaczorowski - see stamp
101 North Horner Lane Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056
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From: Rev. Mark Canavan
To: Cardinal Francis George
Re: Rev. Dan Buck

I am writing to you this letter to support my good friend Dan Buck, who has been a trusted friend for over 30 years. I was very disappointed when you made your decision to issue the directive which prevents him from coming to the house while the canonical procedures are taking place.

I see no reason why his attendance at our house on Tuesdays is detrimental to anyone. In fact, his forced absence is a real burden to Dan and to his other three classmates. The four of us have been getting together regularly since before we were ordained, and have found the house to be a refuge from the hectic pace of ministry. This ban has inconvenienced us and has forced us to find other places to see each other on Tuesdays.

I don't believe now or have ever believed that Dan Buck has ever been a threat to any child. On Tuesdays, we have had only limited contact with our adult neighbors and practically none with the children of our area. We are only there on Tuesdays and most of our neighbors and their friends and relatives are only there on the weekends. From October through May when the weather is poor we barely see let alone speak to our neighbors, so the possibility of negative interaction with them is greatly diminished. In fact, up to now we have been on good terms with all of the neighbors. Also, I don't believe that the news camera trucks are suddenly going to appear at our doorstep asking for interviews about the issue.

In our society only convicted criminals are confined to either jail or their homes. Everyone else is considered innocent until proven guilty and has the right to live where they want and coming and going as they please.

So while I do not fully understand the reasons for your decision, and am sorry that Dan cannot join us at the house, I hope that circumstances will change and cause you to reconsider this directive restricting his movement.

Peace,

Rev Mark Canavan

Rev. Mark Canavan

cc. Rev. Dan Buck

Rev. Jim Kaczorowski

Rev. Daniel Smilanec

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Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.
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29 August, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Board
676 North St. Clair St.
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

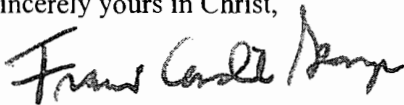
I received the report from your investigation of the matter of sexual misconduct with a minor on the part of **Reverend Daniel Buck**.

I accept your findings and have determined that there is a semblance of truth to the allegation that **Father Buck** engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

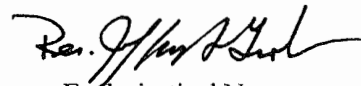
Therefore, by means of this letter, I am bringing the Preliminary Investigation of this matter to a close. Based upon the information you have provided, I have concluded that this case must be referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in accordance with Part II, Article 13 the *motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*.

Thank you for your diligent work, Ms. McCluskey. I appreciate the professional way in which you have handled these matters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

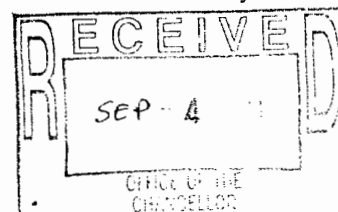


Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago



Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Revs. Kaczorowski, Lagges, and Smilanic, Mr. Jimmy Lago, Mr. John C. O'Malley



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TO: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

FR: Rev. James Kaczorowski *ETK*

DT: August 29, 2003

Your Eminence:

I believe you should respond to Mark Canavan regarding his letter concerning his good friend Dan Buck. Enclosed is a sample letter.

Be assured of my prayers for your good health.

God bless.

J. Kaczorowski



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

September 3, 2003

Rev. Mark Canavan
St. Emily Parish
101 N. Horner Lane
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your letter of support for your good friend, Dan Buck. Having read your letter, I know that the situation with Fr. Buck has greatly upset you. However, hard though was to do so, I restricted Dan only because it was deemed absolutely necessary. My restriction of him is temporary. When all the canonical action is completed, the force of the decree ends.

These are hard days. You have my prayers. I join you in supporting all our brother priests, especially those affected by sexual abuse with minors.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

September 5, 2003



Saint Mary Parish

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
676 N. St. Clair #1910
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received
9-8-03 LNP/OPR

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

On Tuesday, July 29, 2003, I met with you and the Vicar for Priests at the Retreat House to discuss my monitoring protocols. At that time you acknowledged that I was the only Retreat House resident who had signed my protocol. I pointed out that you and the Vicar for Priests had not yet signed the document. Since I had the only copy of the protocol at the meeting, you took it and signed it with the Vicar. You said you would send me a copy for my files. This has not happened. I have no copy of the protocol, signed or unsigned. Since no copy of the protocol, with the specific applicable fields initialed by you, is in my possession, I conclude that the protocol has not yet taken effect.

I also told you that I would be attending a conference in September (as a delegate of the Illinois Railway Museum) with my brother, Bro. [REDACTED]. You said you would send me a copy of the Travel Agreement which I understood was being revised. This also has not happened. I enclose a copy of my itinerary for the Conference from September 15-22.

I was assured at the meeting that all of my compatriots would soon be agreeing to their I.S.P.'s either in writing or verbally. As you know, this also has not happened. As far as I can tell, most of the men are continuing to follow their previous protocols. Additionally, Fr. Talarico has informed us that he will do nothing with daily logs until he receives further instructions.

Finally, the matter of making copies of log sheets has yet to be resolved. The Retreat House staff is rightfully concerned about over-use of the copy machine. The machine broke down recently, with an expensive part having to be replaced. Some of my fellow residents are doing logs on their computers, but I don't have this option.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Fr. Dan & Br. [REDACTED]
A.R.M. Convention 2003
15 - 22 September 2003

received
9-8-03 LNP OPR

Monday 15 September:

Travel to Drury Inn Union Station
201 South 20th Street
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103
314-231-3900 63923357

Tuesday 16 September:

Sightseeing in Saint Louis

Wednesday 17 September

10:00 A.M. Illinois Transit Tour
3:00 P.M. Metrolink Tour
7:00 P.M. Opening Reception

Thursday 18 September:

9:00-Noon Seminars
1:30 P.M. Board buses for Magic House
2:00 P.M. Programming and Exhibits for Children
4:00 P.M. Board buses for Museum of Transportation
4:30 P.M. Facility Rentals: Are They Right for You?
5:30 P.M. Dinner served at Museum of Transportation

Friday 19 September:

9:00-Noon Seminars
1:00 P.M. Board buses for Saint Louis Science Center
1:30 P.M. Using Audience Research
3:00 P.M. Board buses for Missouri Historical Society
3:30 P.M. Basics of Interpretation

Saturday 20 September:

9:00 A.M. Board buses for Museum of Transportation
10:00 A.M. Running an Operating Streetcar Program
11:00 A.M. Membership Issues Workgroup
Noon Boxed Lunches Served
1:00 P.M. Education Committee Meeting
2:00 P.M. Buses begin returning to Hotel
5:30 P.M. Cocktails
6:00 P.M. Banquet

Sunday 21 September:

Travel to LaSalle Center
2101 Rue de La Salle
Glencoe, Missouri 63038
636-938-5374
Visit Wabash, Frisco & Pacific Railroad

Monday 22 September

Return to Westmont and Mundelein

If necessary we can be reached at the cell phone of Br [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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September 8, 2003

Fr. Daniel P. Buck
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Dear Fr. Buck,

Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the monitoring protocols.

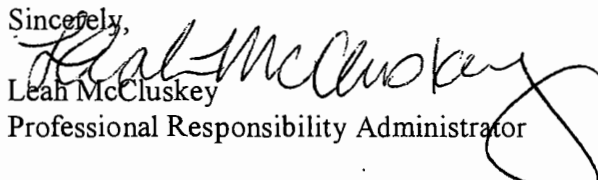
The monitoring protocols have been changed somewhat. This was done principally in order to put into a standard written form, arrangements that had been made orally and/or on an individual basis. It was felt that by committing as much as possible to a written form, misunderstandings could be reduced and communication would be facilitated. These changes reflect the feedback provided by all those involved in the monitoring program, including those who are subject to it. The enclosed forms contain the adjustments made to the monitoring forms that were provided to you in July of 2003. All those involved in monitoring will be receiving a copy of the new forms.

All of the information enclosed as well as a copy of this letter and a copy of the policies and procedures, *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* promulgated on July 15, 2003 has been forwarded to your canonical advocate, Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, JCD.

As you signed the earlier form of the monitoring protocols, I ask that you sign the enclosed form and return a copy to me.

In designing a form that addresses so many different, complex situations, one or another points may be unclear. If you have any question or concerns, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey

Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, JCD

Enclosures

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Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bishop Conway
Father Smilanic
Father Kaczorowski
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi
Mr. Jimmy Lago
Mr. John O'Malley

FROM: Father Lagges *PL*

RE: Referral of case to Rome

DATE: 16 September, 2003

This is to inform you that on **16 September, 2003** Cardinal George has forwarded the case of **Reverend Daniel Buck** to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, asking for permission to conduct a penal trial in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

It is impossible to estimate when we will receive a response from the Holy See. Given the large number of cases that are being sent there from the United States, it will probably be at least several months before we hear anything.

If a penal trial is permitted, all the material in the case will be handed over the Promoter of Justice (Rev. William H. Woestman, O.M.I.), who will then petition the tribunal to hear the case. The judges assigned to the tribunal will be from outside the Archdiocese of Chicago. They will follow the normal judicial process specified in Book VII of the Code of Canon Law. (These are the same processes that are followed in marriage nullity cases.)

The two questions before the court will be: (1) Has the priest committed an act of sexual misconduct with a minor? (2) If so, in accordance with the Dallas Charter and Norms, shall he be dismissed from the clerical state?

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Fr. Buck,

Leah asked that I fax you this statement.

Laura

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STATEMENT OF JIMMY M. LAGO,
Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago
RE: Settlements of claims involving Clerical Sexual Misconduct
October 2, 2003

For the past eight months, representatives of the Archdiocese of Chicago have been engaged in a mediation process with a number of survivors of clerical sexual abuse of minors to resolve claims. Our objective was to work together with these survivors to identify a mutually agreeable approach to a resolution that would extend beyond the financial aspects. The settlement would enable these individuals to begin taking steps toward healing and reconciliation. Throughout this process we tried to do our best to listen, learn, respect and respond.

Our conversations have culminated in 15 mutually agreeable settlements related to claims involving 12 Archdiocesan priests, all of whom had previously resigned, were withdrawn from ministry, or are deceased. The claims concern incidents that occurred prior to 1992, the time when the Archdiocese enacted policies and procedures that created the independent Professional Responsibility Review Board.

The 15 settlements total \$8 million and include allowances for counseling and other services. Funds to pay for the settlements will come from insurance and the sale of undeveloped archdiocesan property.

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Out of respect for the privacy of those involved in the mediation process, we will not disclose any further details of these settlements. The settlements address financial issues as well as other initiatives to promote reconciliation and healing. Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, has offered to meet personally with all those survivors affected by today's settlements.

Nothing representatives of the Archdiocese do today can make up for the abuse inflicted on victims of clerical sexual misconduct. We at the Archdiocese of Chicago extend a sincere apology to the survivors involved in these settlements and, indeed, to all survivors, their families and communities.

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PFR-01- Daniel Buck

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2004

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Dates/Times	Event (Therapy, Spiritual Direction, Vacation, etc.) Where, When, How Long	Therapist, Spiritual Leader, Doctor, Monitor, etc. (Include names)
June 24-25, 2004	[REDACTED]	Bro. [REDACTED]
July 21 - 24, 2004	4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207	[REDACTED] (Brother - monitor) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
August 12-15, 2004	P.O. Box 665 Owosso, Michigan 48867 - 989-725-9464	Bro. [REDACTED] (Travel Monitor)
October 10-20, 2004	Best Rest Inn, 1206 W. 2100 South Ogden, Utah 84401 (800-343-8644)	Bro. [REDACTED] (Travel Monitor)

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January 27, 2004

Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, JCD
4771 John R. Road
Troy, Michigan 48085

Dear Fr. Kauchek,

Enclosed you will find monitoring information presented to your client, **Rev. Daniel Buck** on January 26, 2004. Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests and I met with Fr. Buck at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein on January 26th to discuss the enclosed protocols. Fr. Buck was also informed of Cardinal George's acceptance of the Review Board's recommendation that he provide his signature to the enclosed protocols and return to me no later than March 31, 2004.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205. Fr. Kaczorowski may also be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

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MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Rev. Daniel

Date: January 31, 2004

PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Rev. Daniel Buck on January 26, 2004 at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Fr. Kaczorowski had arranged the meeting with Fr. Buck so that the current monitoring protocols could be discussed.

PRA provided Fr. Buck with the current Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols, a Daily Log form, and a Travel/Vacation Agreement form. Fr. Buck was also informed that copies of the aforementioned forms would be forwarded to his canonical advocate, Rev. Kenneth R. Kauckeck, JCD.

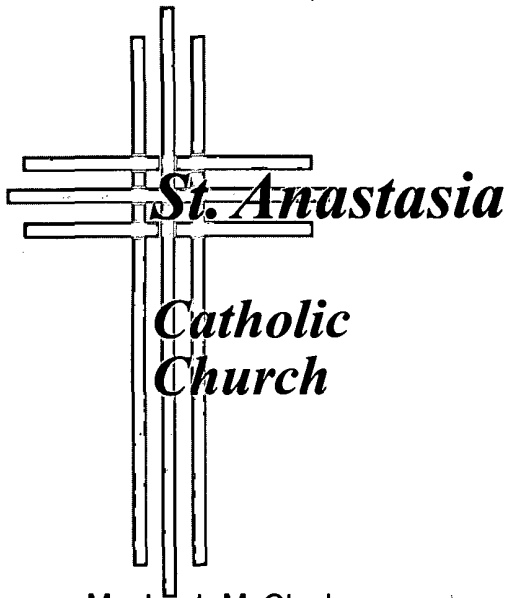
Fr. Buck informed PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that his "objections [to the monitoring protocols] still stand." He also confirmed that PRA has received a copy of Fr. Kauckeck's objections to the protocols in the past. Fr. Buck continued by sharing that he has "specific questions" about the protocols, and is of the opinion that "[the] protocols violate civil and canonical rights." He explained to PRA and to Fr. Kaczorowski that he is "jealous of [Rev. John] Calicott...he [Fr. Calicott] has a people [Holy Angels parish] who will stand up for him." Fr. Buck's reference was a result of the media attention that Fr. Calicott has received over the past week.

Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Buck of Cardinal George's message regarding consequences that individuals would face if they did not sign the Individual Specific Protocols and if they did not adhere to the protocols themselves. As per Cardinal George, Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Buck that an individual who refuses to sign the Individual Specific Protocols by March 31, 2004 and/or is non-compliant with the protocols themselves, would no longer receive a salary paid by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Cardinal George will only provide room and board, payment of medical and car insurance, and a small monthly stipend.

Referring back to his objections of the monitoring, Fr. Buck stated, "I have an issue with my personal rights being taken away." Fr. Buck explained that he has written a letter to Cardinal George regarding his concerns and objections, but that his "questions are still not answered." He also stated that he would be interested in seeing the settlement agreement pertaining to the allegations made against him by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Fr. Buck also posed the question, "Does [REDACTED] [attorney for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]] know that the decree [forbidding him to be present at his vacation home] is temporary? Will I get clobbered if I show up at my house [in the event that he is exonerated of the allegations made against him]?" Fr. Buck then took a significant amount of time to explain the inconveniences he and the co-owners of his vacation home have experienced as a result of the decree issued by Cardinal George.

Fr. Buck also expressed his concern regarding Mr. Jimmy Lago's [Chancellor] comments regarding the intent for the Archdiocese of Chicago to create a website containing the personal information of all Archdiocesan priests. He continued by expressing his concern with Mr. Jim Dwyer's [Communications Office] "announcement" in the media that men withdrawn from ministry are residing at the retreat house in Mundelein.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar



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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

February 11, 2004

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administration
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I am in receipt of the protocols of Individual Specific Monitoring, The Daily Log form, as well as a Travel / Vocation Agreement form for Rev. Daniel Buck.

Having reviewed the complete set of protocols with Father Daniel Buck I have advised him to sign the protocols and return them to you. In my discussion with Father Buck regarding the protocols I have also advised him to sign under duress.

In accord with Canon Law it would be wise to review the policies which the Archdiocese of Chicago has generated regarding the monitoring process. Canon 1342 §2 states you cannot impose a perpetual penalty by decree. The monitoring policies are de facto imposed or declared penalties on the priest. There is no other characterization which can be given to require a cleric to comply with an hour-by-hour daily log and the requisition of an approved monitor for vacations. Canon 223 only allows the Bishop to direct the exercise of rights in view of the common good. It does not give him authority to deny the exercise of rights.

The monitoring policies you have developed and prescribed are an intrusion into the legitimate privacy of the individual and a violation of the autonomy of his wife.

This is an illegitimate restriction of his personal freedom as guaranteed by the Code of Canon Law.

Sincerely yours,


Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D.

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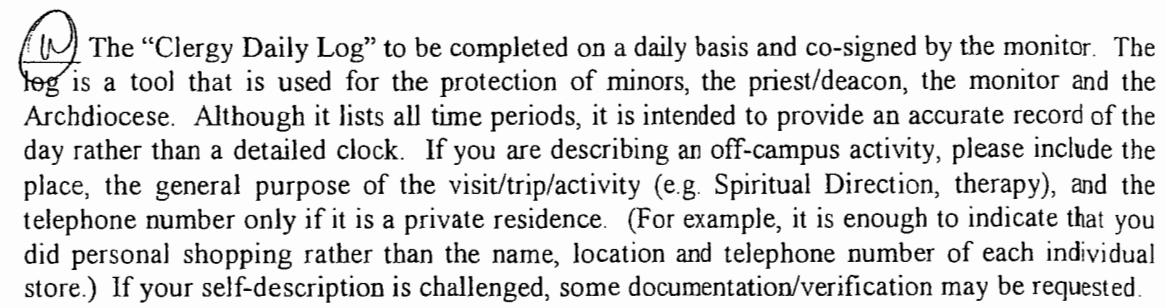
INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS

For

Rev. Daniel Buck

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of protecting minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA); please refer to protocol number 15. The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for Daniel Buck is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. ☒ Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. 
3. 
4. ☒ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested.
5. ☒ Abide by the assignment of residence to Cardinal Stritch
Retreat House

6. ☒ No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* will apply.
7. ☒ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure.
8. ☒ Attendance at a recommended support group _____ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of _____ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
9. ☒ No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. ☒ Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. ☒ The right of defense must not involve the public life of the Church.
12. ☒ On-site visits by PRA annually to include meeting with PRA and the cleric.
13. ☒ On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and the cleric.
14. ☒ This ISP is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric.
15. Because the private celebration of the Eucharist is possible, during the course of each week one of the Masses celebrated is to be for the intention of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
16. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, and at the discretion of any of the parties, his legal and/or canonical counsel may be involved.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 14 Feb. 2004

Printed Name: Rev. Daniel P. Buck *Signed under Duress - See Accompanying Letter*

Signature of PRA: [Signature] Date: 2/17/04

Signature of VP: [Signature] Date: 2-24-04

February 14, 2004

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Responsibility
Archdiocese of Chicago
676 N. St. Clair - #1910
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

On 28 June 2003, I signed the Individual Specific Protocols imposed on me at that time by the Office of Professional Responsibility. I included with my signature a letter of protest which stated that "I sign this document under duress because I have been threatened with unspecified canonical sanctions if I do not sign." I refer you to my letter in your files dated 28 June 2003. Shortly after this, you received a letter from my canonical advocate, Rev. Kenneth R. Kaucke (see letter dated 1 July 2003) in which he explained in detail how the protocols imposed by the Archdiocese are a serious intrusion into my personal autonomy and freedom in violation of civil and canon law.

On 26 January 2004, you and Fr. Kaczorowski presented another set of protocols for me to sign, even more restrictive than the 2003 protocols. This time, however, the coercion is much more specific: I am being threatened with the loss of my salary. Clearly I have no option but to sign. Since I moved into the retreat house in June of 2002, my income has been reduced approximately twenty-five percent. Not only have I lost the ten percent of my salary which is diverted into your office, but I no longer receive the monthly stipend and stole fee allowance and the occasional holiday bonuses which are part of parish ministry. I also have been cut off from my small but significant remuneration as a paid-on-call firefighter/chaplain with the Long Grove Fire Protection District. I have been forced to dig deeply into my retirement savings to pay my bills and obligations.

Therefore I am writing to you once again to even more vehemently protest this unwarranted and unlawful violation of my personal freedom of movement and activity. Neither civil law nor canon law nor even the ill-conceived and panic-driven Charter and Norms of Dallas envision such intrusive and punitive policies against priests who have not been proven guilty of anything. My research continues to indicate that the Chicago Archdiocese stands virtually alone among U.S. dioceses in imposing such draconian measures.

I am particularly disturbed that the document presented for my signature states that the protocols "implement the primary goal of protecting minors." As you are well aware, the Archdiocese does not have one shred of evidence that I

have posed a danger to minors over at least the last twenty years. On the contrary, you have received many testimonies to my exemplary ministry. [REDACTED]

Let us be clear. The Individual Specific Protocols have nothing to do with protecting minors and everything to do with capitulating to the threats of unscrupulous and greedy lawyers and the whining of spokespersons for so-called victim support groups. I look forward to the day when the Church in the United States regains its moral authority by standing up for what is right and just, rather than for what is seen to be politically correct and fiscally uncontroversial.

So you once again have my signature, obtained by the most blatant form of coercion. Please send me a copy of the protocols with your signature and that of the Vicar for Priests, for my records. Soon you can start filling a file drawer with my Daily Logs, which are as worthless to you as they are to me.

I continue to pray for you as I do for the Church in the United States, whose vision has been blurred by the glare of media scrutiny.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc. Francis Cardinal George
Rev. James Kaczorowski
Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek
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MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*
Re: Daniel Buck
Date: February 19, 2004

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Please sign and make a copy of the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols for Fr. Daniel Buck. Please return original copy to this office at your earliest convenience.

I am also forwarding you a copy of a letter dated February 14, 2004 to Leah McCluskey for your file.

Thank you.

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING **Saturday, February 21, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2004

II. Case Reviews

Preliminary Review:

A. [REDACTED]

III. **Case Updates:**

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

IV. **Monitoring Meetings/Monitoring Update**

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. Daniel Buck (Withdrawn 1995) - PFR-01

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

H. [REDACTED]

V. [REDACTED]

VI. **Update on New Allegations Received**

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, March 20, 2004

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February 26, 2004

Dear Brother Priests,

Attached is a copy of the letter which the Cardinal sent to all priests in the Archdiocese. This is being sent to you to keep you informed about the communication that is being sent at this time. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Leah McCluskey, Tom Tivy or myself.

Be assured of my prayers and support for you. The beginning of the season of Lent reminds us of the One who sustains us through the difficult times of our lives. May this Jesus be with each of you, now and always.

God bless you.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Rev. Jim T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests

Cc: Leah McCluskey
Rev. Thomas A. Tivy

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



February 26, 2004

Dear Brothers in Christ:

First, thanks to all of you who shared with your parishioners a copy of my February 15 letter concerning the John Jay study in advance of that report's official release tomorrow. You will remember that there are actually two reports to be released tomorrow, both commissioned by the Bishops. The John Jay social science study will contain national statistics regarding both those abused and accused, as well as dollar amounts spent to respond to the crisis. The National Review Board report will provide a context for the John Jay data.

We have been asked to wait until the reports are officially released tomorrow to offer comment on them, when real figures and perspective become public. I am told that both reports will be available to be viewed by 10 a.m. Friday on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website (www.usccb.org, linked to our website at www.archchicago.org). I will meet with media tomorrow to respond to the reports in their entirety and at that time offer our own up-to-date figures for the Archdiocese of Chicago about allegations made against clergy because of sexual abuse of children and youth since 1950.

I am including in this fax an advance copy of a letter and attachment I would like you to share with your parishioners this weekend about the reports. *(A clean copy of this letter will be available to you to download on Friday morning from the archdiocesan website, www.archchicago.org, in English, Spanish, and Polish.)* We will share this same letter with news media at tomorrow's news conference.

We will also be initiating a new service to access information for the protection of minors and to assist those who may have been sexually abused by a priest. The service will allow self-identified individuals, upon request, to receive appropriate information, already made public in another forum, regarding whether there has been reason to suspect that a past or present priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago may have abused a minor. All those inquiring will receive a written response. For inquiries on 98% of archdiocesan priests, the information provided will simply include an ordination date and a description of a current assignment. It is likely that we will be asked to describe this service at the news conference.

I was grateful to learn that some parishes are planning prayer services to coincide with the release of the John Jay report, because surely the issues raised by it are matters to be brought to prayer. I understand, too, that other parishes are planning discussions in which the report can be further evaluated. Because the release of this study could reopen some wounds among our people -- particularly among those who may have been abused -- I encourage you to have on hand contact information about how allegations of clergy sexual abuse can be reported.

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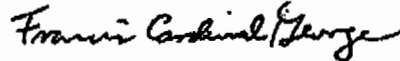
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No other group has faced the scrutiny involved in this type of study, and I know that this cannot be an easy time for you amidst the attention focused on the data that this report will contain. Yet, you are the "face" of the Church within your parish communities, in times both easy and hard. So many of you have told me of the kindness of your parishioners who have expressed their personal support for your priestly ministry – and, like you, I take great comfort from this support.

My prayer for you today is the same one I pray for myself: that in our intentions and in our actions, we might be worthy of the trust placed in us by Jesus Christ and by those whom we serve in his name and with his authority. Thank you for your life and ministry as priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please keep me in your prayers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

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To: Leah McCluskey

From: Mary Ann

Fax Number:

Date: 2/27/04

Number of pages including cover sheet: 7

MESSAGE:

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR YOUR REVIEW ☐ REPLY ASAP ☐ COMMENT

Leah,

This is material faxed to priests
at Koenig Hall last night. Ray
listed you as contact, together with
Tom and himself, if there are calls
from those at Koenig Hall.

Blessings on this day!

Mary Ann

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February 27, 2004

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City released a nationwide social science research study, commissioned by the U.S. Bishops, on clerical sexual abuse of minors. The John Jay Study is a quantitative analysis based on confidential data gathered from almost every diocese, eparchy, and religious order in the U.S. on sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy from 1950 to 2002. The data will be crucial in searching for the causes of clerical sexual abuse and in preventing it in the future. This is the study's purpose. A report by the National Review Board providing context for the John Jay data will also be released today.

Officials of the Archdiocese have already published basic data in two reports covering the periods 1950 to 1992 and 1993 to 2002. This information has been updated through December 31, 2003, and is shown on the attached information sheet.

Archdiocesan records reflect that 2,513 archdiocesan priests served in the Archdiocese of Chicago between 1950 and 2003. The Archdiocese has found reason to suspect that, during these 53 years, sexual misconduct with a minor occurred in 142 cases involving 55 Archdiocesan priests, about 2 percent of archdiocesan priests. Of the 55 priests, 13 are deceased, 22 have resigned from the priesthood and 20 are withdrawn from ministry. None is engaged in any public ministry. All cases have been reported to the public authorities.

Money spent because of clerical sexual abuse includes \$26.9 million for victim assistance, settlements and support in the period 1950-2003. Beginning in 1992, the year the Bernardin Commission established procedures for dealing with clerical sexual misconduct, through December 21, 2003, \$5.9 million was spent for treatment and monitoring of priests, and \$5.9 million for legal expenses. Of the \$5.9 million spent on legal fees, \$1.3 million was spent to defend a priest and a school principal judged to be innocent by a civil jury.

The Archdiocese of Chicago, complying with the definition of "allegation" supplied by the John Jay Study, reported for the study all recorded notifications of clerical sexual misconduct with minors, whether or not they resulted in any investigation or whether there was reasonable cause to suspect abuse had occurred.

Since 1992, the Archdiocese of Chicago has addressed allegations of abuse of minors and promoted healing of victims through an Assistance Ministry office, an independent Review Board, and a regular process for reporting abuse allegations to the civil authorities and the public. More recently, the Archdiocese created an Office for the Protection of Children and Youth. It oversees child abuse training programs and background screenings of over

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50,000 employees and volunteers. These measures have allowed us to reach out to victims and parish communities, to create safe environments for children and to remove from ministry any priest for whom there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor had occurred. All of these initiatives will continue in our seminaries, schools, parishes and ministry offices.

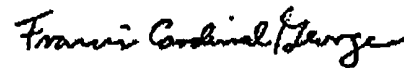
The bishops of the United States have kept the promises they made during and following their June, 2002, Dallas meeting. All offending priests have been removed from ministry; an independent study was undertaken to understand the extent and causes of clerical misconduct; and policies and procedures have been put in place in every diocese in the United States to deal with abuse allegations, to insure the safety of children and to communicate openly with the public. Most important of all, the care of victims has been formalized and will remain high on the agenda of the Church.

The publication of these results reminds us that some priests betrayed the trust placed in them by Christ, by the children He loves, and by families. Church leaders who failed to act on their behalf only added to the harm done. I again sincerely apologize to the victims and to their families for the anguish they have endured. I offer once again an invitation to anyone who has experienced sexual abuse by a priest or deacon to bring this information to our attention by contacting the Office of Professional Responsibility at 1-800-994-6200.

The consequences of these failures have deeply affected the entire Catholic community. I know that many of you are angered and embarrassed, as am I. We can learn from the transgressions of the past, however, and make as sure as we can that no other child or young person goes through what those who have been victims continue to suffer.

You are always in my prayers. Please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Attachment

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO - INFORMATION SHEET

ACCUSED PRIESTS: HOW MANY, WHERE THEY ARE NOW, WHEN OCCURRED

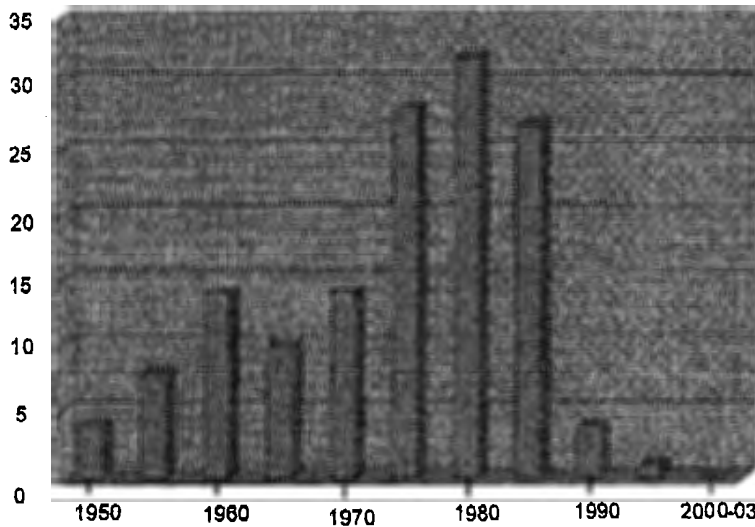
The Archdiocese of Chicago found reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor had occurred in 142 cases involving 55 Archdiocesan priests in the period 1950-2003. None is currently in ministry. Most incidents occurred between 1970 and 1985.

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withdrawn from ministry 20

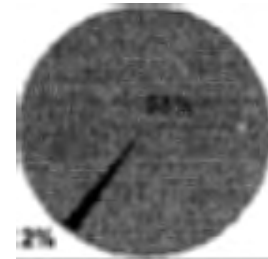
resigned from the priesthood 22

DATE OF INCIDENTS



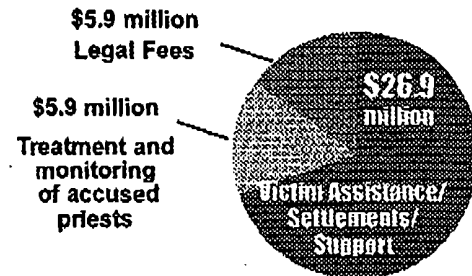
ACCUSED PRIESTS AS PART OF TOTAL POPULATION

Archdiocesan records reflect that 2,513 archdiocesan priests served in the Archdiocese between 1950 and 2003. Those priests for whom there was reason to suspect that they had engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor represent about two percent of the total number.



FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Archdiocese has spent \$38.7 million on clerical sexual abuse since from 1950 to 2003.



TO REPORT A CASE OF ABUSE

To The Archdiocese

To report suspected sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon -presently or in the past- call:

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW Administrator
Office of Professional Responsibility
(800) 994-6200

(Lake and Cook counties only)
or (312) 751-5205

Send written allegations to:

Leah McCluskey, Administrator
Office of Professional Responsibility
Archdiocese of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979
Email: lmcccluskey@archchicago.org
Fax: (312) 751-5279

To Other Authorities

To report allegations directly to civil authorities, call:

The Department of Children and Family Services (D.C.F.S.)
(800) 252-2873

Cook County State's Attorney
(312) 603-5440

Lake County State's Attorney
(847) 377-3000

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March 1, 2004

Rev. Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
Post Office Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck,

Enclosed you will find a copy of your Individual Specific Protocols signed by Leah McCluskey and Fr. James Kaczorowski.

If you have any questions please contact Leah at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

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March 1, 2004

Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D.
4771 John R. Road
Troy, Michigan 48085

Dear Fr. Kauchek,

Enclosed you will find a copy of Fr. Daniel Buck's Individual Specific Protocols signed by Fr. Buck, Leah McCluskey and Fr. James Kaczorowski.

If you have any questions please contact Leah at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
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To: *Leah McCluskey*
From: *Dr. Jim Kaczorowski*

Fax Number:**Date:** *3/15/04***Number of pages including cover sheet:** *4***MESSAGE:**☐ **URGENT** ☐ **FOR YOUR REVIEW** ☐ **REPLY ASAP** ☐ **COMMENT**



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RECEIVED**MAR 15 2004**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**MEMO**

To: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway
Mr. Jimmy Lago
Dr. Carol Fowler
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Reverend Thomas A. Tivy
Reverend Daniel A. Smilanic
Reverend Anthony Talarico
Reverend Edmund J. Siedlecki

From: Reverend James T. Kaczorowski

Date: March 15, 2004

Re: Residents at Koenig Hall

Attached is a copy of the letter sent by Francis Cardinal George to each of the residents at Koenig Hall, Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.

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Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979
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March 15, 2004

Rev. Daniel P. Buck
P O Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father Buck,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert will assume the responsibilities of interim monitor at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Koenig Hall, effective Tuesday, March 16, 2004. While he serves in this capacity, Bishop Goedert will reside at the retreat house. I am deeply grateful to him for accepting this responsibility at the present time. As this transition occurs, I also wish to thank Father Anthony Talarico for having served in the capacity of monitor for the past two or more years while, at the same time, performing his primary duties of administrator at the retreat house.

Sometime within the next two weeks, Bishop Goedert, Father Jim Kaczorowski, my Vicar for Priests, and Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator, will meet with the residents at Koenig Hall as a group and review the contents of the protocol. We are also inviting Father Talarico and Father Siedlecki to be present for this meeting since there will be occasions when they will function as monitor in Bishop Goedert's absence.

I am sorry this process is taking so much longer than I believed and expected it would. I want to assure you of my prayers for you. Likewise, I ask that you pray for me. May this season of Lent be a time of special blessing for you.

Sincerely, yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 009174

Cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway
Mr. Jimmy Lago
Dr. Carol Fowler
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski
Reverend Thomas A. Tivy
Reverend Daniel A. Smilanic
Reverend Anthony Talarico
Reverend Edmund J. Siedlecki

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MEMORANDUM OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2004

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This is a provisional draft of what took place in the post-meeting-meeting. Feel free to give Fr. Keehan any corrections you think helpful and he will incorporate them. Needless to say, written corrections will be quoted more accurately.

Monday, March 22, 2004

Two meetings were at the Secure Location. In the first the "voluntary" residents had a very frank discussion with Fr. Kaczorowski and Ms. McCluskey. Several issues were surfaced, including the details of implementing monitoring.

During that discussion, Bishop Goedert proposed a discussion following the meeting with Fr. Kaczorowski and Ms. McCluskey. Most of the voluntary residents attended the second meeting:

Bishop Goedert, D. Buck, P. Bowman, E. Siedlecki,
J. Keehan, [REDACTED] and several others.

These are the results of that second discussion with Bishop Goedert.

1. Bishop Goedert suggested that a small group propose practical suggestions on the implementation of the Archdiocesan monitoring protocols. Bishop Goedert offered to convey such suggestions to the Review Board and Cardinal for their consideration.
2. After some discussion it was agreed that R. Kealey, D. Buck and J. Keehan would meet with Bishop Goedert at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2004 at the Secure Location. They would attempt to create a list of practical suggestions on the implementation of the Archdiocesan monitoring protocols.
3. Bishop Goedert would like the voluntary residents to submit their hourly logs on a weekly basis, by passing them under the door of Room 200. He said they should be submitted at the end of each week if that is practical.
4. Bishop Goedert clarified that any overnight away from the secure location required filling out the Vacation Information Form in advance and sending it to Ms. McCluskey (faxing it if necessary). The inmate is also to inform Bishop Goedert of the overnight. Some arrangement can be made for a regular overnight away.
5. Bishop Goedert does not consider his role to be one of granting permissions.
6. Bishop Goedert distinguished necessary and prudent monitoring from what appeared to be more punitive or penal extensions of monitoring.
7. P. Bowman observed that the monitoring appears to be a public relations campaign rather than a response to any real danger the voluntary residents might present.
8. The post-meeting meeting broke up at 9:30 p.m.

March 22, 2004

Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archdiocese of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Eminence:

Fr. Talarico has informed us that you will be meeting with us on Friday afternoon, April 2. I have been looking forward to this meeting for a long time, since it has been a while since our last meeting. Unfortunately, I will be singing with the Musicam Sacram Choir in a program of Gregorian Chant and sacred polyphony at St. Xavier University at the same time as the get-together at the retreat house. This is a commitment I made several months ago, and since our choir is quite small, I cannot let down the other singers or our director by backing out of my commitment. I trust that my compatriots will ask all the pertinent questions and express our common anxieties and concerns.

Please permit me to bring up another pressing issue. As you know, on July 31, 2003, you issued a decree forbidding me from "frequenting, visiting or inhabiting" my home shared with three classmates in [REDACTED] Illinois. Since July 31 I have had no access to, or use of, the house for which I have paid \$2380,00 in utility and maintenance costs over the last eight months. But the psychological and spiritual costs have been much higher.

On August 14, 2003, I wrote you a letter describing my disappointment, sadness, and confusion over your decision. In that letter I pointed out the factual errors in your decree, and I asked several specific questions about whether my false accusers were aware of the details of your decree. I received no answer.

Here's what's been happening since July 31. As expected, my classmates have not seen either of my false accusers in the intervening thirty-three Tuesdays. Their mother, the only family member mentioned in your decree who owns property in the area, has been absent most of the winter. All of the other nearby summer homes have been vacant.

My classmates have been forced to handle all the household chores without me. Particularly challenging was the removal of the lake pier in preparation for winter. This is a four person job by nature, and Fr. Moran narrowly averted serious injury when he fell on the pier. Fortunately, he only suffered some ugly bruises. The spring installation of the pier, coming up soon, will be even more difficult and hazardous.

Because of their generosity and concern for me, my housemates, my primary support group over the last thirty-five years, have spent a good chunk of almost every Tuesday with me. On most Tuesdays, they have just a few hours at the house before they get together with me for bowling, cards, dinner, and/or fellowship. Thus I am not the only member of the group whose access to the house has been severely limited.

AOC 009177

I am aware that, several months ago, the Archdiocese arrived at a monetary settlement with my false accusers and their slimey lawyer. While I am grateful that the Archdiocese was willing to spend an allegedly large sum of money on my behalf, I am deeply saddened that this money, which was intended for the purposes of the Kingdom, will instead increase the wealth of a greedy lawyer. Despite the best efforts of my attorney, I have been unable to learn the details of this settlement. I am forced to speculate that it would be unethical to enter into any agreement concerning my ownership and use of my home without obtaining my input and consent. Further, my attorney informs me that settlements of this type usually preclude any further action in the civil courts. The bottom line is that this unfortunate settlement should have no impact on my access to my home.

In summary- - -

- - - Since the continued restriction on my access to my home is causing severe psychological, spiritual, physical, and financial hardship for my classmates and I; and
- - - Since the chance for interaction between my false accusers and me is less than minimal; and
- - - Since my false accusers have agreed to end this nonsense in exchange for cold, hard cash; and
- - - Since the canonical processes are taking far longer than anyone expected; therefore

I appeal to you again to reconsider your decree and to rescind it and its effects.

I thank you for your attention to my concerns. These are dark days for our Church. I can only imagine the pressure you must feel. Even though I will be unable to be with you on April 2, know that I continue to want to work with you in finding a resolution to this nightmare. My prayers are with you, as I hope yours are with me.

Sincerely,

Dan

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc. Rev. Kenneth Kauchek
Mr. Patrick Reardon
Rev. James Kaczorowski
Rev. Mark Canavan
Rev. Daniel Jarosewic
Rev. Thomas Moran

FAX

VICAR FOR PRIESTS OFFICE**645 N. Michigan, Suite 543****Chicago, Illinois 60611****(312) 642-1837****Fax: (312) 642-4933****To:** *Lesh***From:** *Fr Kazorowski***Fax Number:****Date:** *3-23-04***Number of pages including cover sheet:** *2***MESSAGE:****URGENT FOR YOUR REVIEW REPLY ASAP COMMENT**

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VICAR FOR PRIESTS OFFICE

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From: *Fr. James Kaczmarek*

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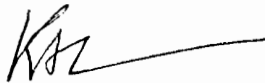
MESSAGE:

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR YOUR REVIEW ☐ REPLY ASAP ☐ COMMENT

Attached you will find a copy of the letter being sent to you by Cardinal George.

The original will reach you by mail. Be assured of my prayers for you.

Fraternally,



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus
Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Father Kaczorowski
FROM: Bishop Goedert
RE: Father Dan Buck
DATE: May 28, 2004

When you and I talked a few days ago, I didn't have my notes in front of me. I had met with Dan on May 14 and he raised several issues. I don't recall if I covered all of them in our conversation, but I thought I would recap them for you just to make sure I had conveyed all Dan's concerns.

- 1) Dan's main concern is with the decree forbidding him to go to the cottage which he owns with three or four other priests. Dan said that when he was told to go to the Retreat House after Dallas in 2002, he moved most of his belongings up to the cottage in [REDACTED]. A decree was subsequently issued denying him any access at all to his belongings. Dan is also the one who does most of the manual labor around the cottage, so the decree creates problems not only for himself, but for the other owners as well.
- 2) Dan wonders if some adjustment can be made in his protocols. Is there a possibility of allowing him to go to the cottage, at least once a week, as long as the other priests are with him? There would surely be no danger to anyone and one of the priests could assume the role of monitor. This would enable Dan to have access to his personal belongings and would be beneficial to his co-owners as well.
- 3) Dan wonders whether or not some sort of agreement was made with the lawyers about the cottage, either in the settlement document or verbally. If that is the case, Dan feels he should have been told about it. He would like a copy of the settlement if it contains anything about the cottage. Dan says that if he is forced out of the priesthood, he would have to use the cottage as his home, since he has nowhere else to go.
- 4) Dan says that his lawyer has tried to obtain this information for him, but gets no response from the Diocese. Dan says he has written two letters to the Cardinal, but has received no response, or even an acknowledgment from anyone letting him know that the letters have been received. Can you help???

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

JUN 02 2004

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

(Party #1) [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
4747 S. Howell Ave. Milwaukee WI 53207
800 325-3535 [destination address and contact phone number] from

21 July 2004 [departure date] through 24 July 2004 [return date].

Party #1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by
Bro. [redacted] (Party #2) [name of travel monitor]. Party #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

Party #1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by #1 [name of cleric] must be in the
presence of #2 [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations
and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.2. #2 [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the
activities and whereabouts of #1 [cleric name] over
See Above [aforementioned time frame].3. As previously noted, the date of return to #1's [cleric name]
residence has been scheduled for See Above [aforementioned return date].
However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be
changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be
substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 2 June 2004

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/2/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file
in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar
for Priests' Office.

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As noted previously, this notification constitutes a grave violation of my personal autonomy under civil and canon law. I sign it under strong protest. D.B.

JUN 23 2004

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Rev. Daniel Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
[redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from

24 June 2004 [departure date] through 25 June 2004 [return date].

Rev. Daniel Buck [name of cleric] will be monitored by
(Party #1) [redacted] [name of travel monitor] #2 [name of
travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of
#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

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However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be

substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 23 June 2004

PRA Signature: Paul McCluskey Date: 6/24/04

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From: Jim Kaczowski / Mary Ann

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MESSAGE:

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Leah -

Please read the attached Memo re: Dan
Bask. Perhaps we can discuss it.

Thanks
Kay (Mary Ann)

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Ft. Smilanic,

Leah asked that I fax you the following memo for your information.

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

JUL 13 2004

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Party #1
 Rev. Daniel Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
 P.O. Box 665 Owosso, Michigan 48867
 989 725-9464 [destination address and contact phone number] from

12 Aug 2004 [departure date] through 15 Aug 2004 [return date].

Party #1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by
 Party #2
 Bro. [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Party #2 [name of
 travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of
 Party #1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

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 However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 13 Jul 2004
 PRA Signature: Paul McCluskey Date: 7/14/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Party #1
Rev. Daniel Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
Best Rest Inn 800 343-8644
1206 W. 2000 South Ogden, Utah 84401 [destination address and contact phone number] from

10 Oct 2004 [departure date] through 20 Oct 2004 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by
Party #2
Bm. [redacted] name of travel monitor]. #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

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substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 31 Aug 2004
PRA Signature: Paul McCluskey Date: 9/2/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file
in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar
for Priests' Office.

AOC 009187

September 13, 2004

Very Reverend John F. Canary
Mundelein Seminary - University of St. Mary of the Lake
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein Illinois 60060-1174

Dear John:

A few weeks ago I received your warm invitation to participate in Alumni Day activities, scheduled for Friday, September 24th. While I confess that I have seldom attended Alumni Day in past years, I was looking forward to this year's gathering because I now live in your neighborhood and, frankly, my calendar is not very crowded through no choice of my own. However, I have learned that Archdiocesan authorities have forbidden Fr. Peter Bowman from commemorating his fiftieth anniversary of priesthood by concelebrating the Mass of Thanksgiving with his classmates.

I have come to know and admire Fr. Bowman as one of the finest priests ever to serve the Archdiocese of Chicago and its people. He has ministered with distinction in numerous parish settings and administrative roles. He is beloved by legions of parishioners, co-workers, and friends. He has certainly earned a peaceful and rewarding retirement. He may or may not have made a mistake many, many, many years ago. I don't know the details; they are none of my business. I choose to presume Fr. Peter to be innocent, since this is the only appropriate response which is faithful to the good news of the loving Lord. The Archdiocese chooses to presume Fr. Bowman guilty, and then punishes him when he is unable to prove himself innocent.

There is great evil at work here. This has nothing to do with protecting children. This has nothing to do with justice and fairness, with healing and reconciliation. This has everything to do with cowering before mudslinging media and appeasing grand-standing spokespeople of so-called victims' support groups, working in collusion with greedy lawyers.

Fr. Bowman has decided not to participate in Alumni Day because he recognizes the hypocrisy of joining in a celebration of priesthood in which he is expected to deny the priesthood which has been so fruitfully his for a half century. Since my presence might be seen as condoning this great injustice, I also will not attend. I continue to hope that Fr. Bowman's classmates will lodge some kind of strong protest against this insult to their brother priest.

AOC 009188

Keep up your good work at the seminary, and reassure the seminarians that the Lord Jesus will not allow this dark cloud to hang over his Church much longer. I believe with all my being that, sooner rather than later, we leaders of the Catholic community will relearn how to proclaim the gospel message clearly and forcefully, in season and out of season, and without fear of how it will play on the ten o'clock news.

With My Best Wishes,

Dan

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

P.S. Through what I'm sure is a mix-up, I no longer receive "The Bridge". I miss it!

cc. His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski
Reverend Joseph F. McDonnell
Reverend Peter Bowman

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MEMORANDUM

To: Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Rev. Daniel [Withdrawn]

Date: September 29, 2004

Please refer to attached Memorandum dated April 25, 2003 summarizing a phone conversation with Mrs. [REDACTED] mother of Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]. Both Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] have formalized allegations of sexual misconduct against Rev. Daniel Buck. The Independent Review Board made separate recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred in both aforementioned matters.

The attached memorandum is being forwarded your attention as a result of your request for such information from PRA's file.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

AOC 009190

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CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
Archdiocesan, Religious and Extern Priests

Parish/School/Agency None

DATE October 5, 2004

I have received a copy of the CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHURCH PERSONNEL. I have read and understand the Code of Conduct, and I agree to abide by it. I have also read and understand the "Measures to Aid Observance of the Code of Conduct" and the "Practical Suggestions" and will employ them to help me observe the code of conduct. A violation of this code can result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination and/or removal from ministry.

Rev. Daniel P. Buck
Signature

Rev. Daniel P. Buck
Print Name

None
Position

☒ Archdiocesan

☐ Extern

☐ Religious Community _____

The signed Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form shall be kept in personnel files at the Pastoral Center. Please return the acknowledgement form to:

Archdiocesan Priests:
Office of the Chancellor
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 E. Superior
Chicago, IL. 60611

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Rev. Jeremiah Boland
Archdiocese of Chicago
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

October 7, 2004

Reverend Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Dan,

In our last conversation, you raised the question of your being able to return to your summer home, at least to do repair work and maintain the house with the other priests who own it with you. You told me at that time that Mrs. [REDACTED] the mother of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would not object to your coming to the house.

I've asked the Victims Assistance Ministry to check into Mrs. [REDACTED] present disposition about your using the house. Their report back to me says that she is not comfortable [REDACTED]. Her comment is not in reference to the comfort of her family when they visit her; she spoke of her own personal comfort level.

That being the case, I don't see how it's possible at this time to lift the prescription against your going to your house. Many things are still in process, and we can continue to pursue this question, but I'm afraid that I have to give you a negative response to your last request to me.

You remain in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Leah McCluskey

AOC 009192

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Legal Services

John C. O'Malley
Director



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November 16, 2004

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.
Counsel to the State's Attorney
Richard J. Daley Center
69 West Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed are copies of Individual Specific Protocols applicable to priests of the Archdiocese for whom the Archbishop has determined there is reason to suspect that the individual priest may have engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. The priests are:

[REDACTED]
Rev. Daniel Buck

Please note I have deleted information related to therapy and spiritual direction for the reason of confidentiality. Further, [REDACTED] have not signed the protocol, upon advice of canonical counsel, but I am advised by Leah McCluskey that they comply with the restrictions.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley.
John C. O'Malley
Director of Legal Services

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Enclosures

cc: Rev. Edward D. Grace
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Ms. Leah McCluskey

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AOC 009193

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Monitoring

Date: November 30, 2004

PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests traveled to the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on November 29, 2004 and met with Rev. Edward Siedlecki. Fr. Siedlecki resides at the Retreat House.

Due to the fact that Rev. Anthony Talarico will be on vacation from November 29, 2004 through December 10, 2004, he will be unable to fulfill his duties as on-site monitor for those men who have been withdrawn from active ministry as a result of allegations of sexual misconduct. Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA met with Fr. Siedlecki to ask if he would agree to act as on-site monitor while Fr. Talarico is on vacation.

Fr. Siedlecki stated that he would act as monitor in Fr. Talarico's absence. PRA then went over the duties of on-site monitor with Fr. Siedlecki at his own request. Fr. Siedlecki was also agreeable to contacting Fr. Kaczorowski and/or PRA in the event of any of his awareness of any clear disregard/violation of the stated monitoring protocols.

Fr. Siedlecki shared with Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA his own current medical issues. It was agreed that in the event that Fr. Siedlecki would not be able to fulfill the role as monitor due to a medical emergency, he will contact either Fr. Kaczorowski or PRA.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests



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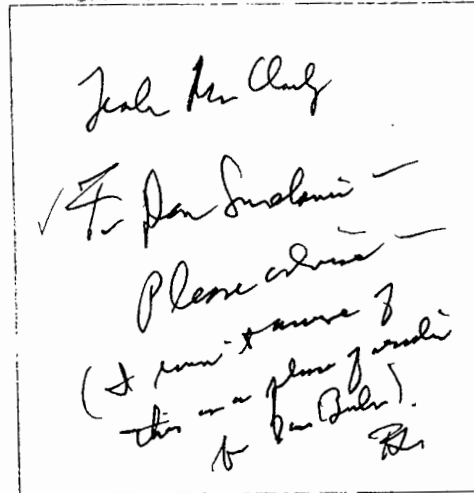
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December 14, 2004

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Dear Cardinal George,

Blessings during this Christmas season. I hope your schedule permitted at least a little time for relaxation.

I am writing to inquire about one of the Archdiocesan priests accused of sexual misconduct and the upcoming resolution of his future. I realize that you are not the one who is going to respond to these questions, but I also know that I need to be in touch with you initially.

[REDACTED] and Brother [REDACTED] has inquired about the possibility of Father Dan living in one of our communities. While on the face of things, that is fine, but we really need to dig a little deeper and get some answers to questions that we have before we even consider this request.

I will list the questions and concerns that we have in hope that someone can respond to us.

1. If we were to permit Father Dan to live in one of our houses, what would be our responsibility regarding supervision? It is our understanding that priests accused of abuse need to be strictly supervised. I am wondering if that would pertain if he is living in a community of Brothers. I don't believe that we have the capacity or the interest in taking on civil liability if we accept him into our community.
2. What are the liability issues associated with priests in this category that our religious community would assume, or be expected to assume, if Father Dan lived with us?
3. Would the Archdiocese agree to completely indemnify Christian Brothers of the Midwest, Inc./Brothers of the Christian Schools of the Midwest Province from any and all civil liability settlements and judgments, including attorney's fees?
4. Our agreement with Praesidium is that we will develop a safety plan for each Brother who has abused minors at some time in his life. We are not in a position to take on the responsibility for such a plan for a diocesan priest. How would the Archdiocese deal with such a safety plan?

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5. Can a priest in this category celebrate Eucharist under any circumstances, e.g. for the Brothers in that local community? If the answer is yes, could he also celebrate for Brothers from other local communities (e.g., there is another community across the alley)?
6. Will a priest like Father Dan need to be in regular counseling, and who is responsible for the cost of such counseling?
7. A priest in Father Dan's situation, formally considered sexual offenders: would he have to be registered as a sexual offender wherever he lives?

I suspect that we will have other questions before we make a decision, so whatever comments you have regarding the situation would be most helpful to us. Thank you for your assistance. Best wishes for a very blessed and a more encouraging New Year.

Sincerely,

Brother [REDACTED]
Brother [REDACTED] FSC
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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY(Party #1)
Rev. Daniel P. Buck

[name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

[destination address and contact phone number] from

1 Jan 2004 [departure date] through 2 Jan 2004 [return date].

Party #1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by

(Party #2)

Bm. [name of travel monitor]. Party #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by #1 [name of cleric] must be in the presence of #2 [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. #2 [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of #1 [cleric name] over See Above [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to #1's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 2 Jan 2004 [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 29 Dec 2004

PRA Signature: Leah McCluskey Date: 1/3/05

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

(Party #1)
 Rev. Daniel Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from

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 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

5 Feb 2005 [departure date] through 6 Feb 2005 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by
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Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 1 Feb 2005

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Kaczorowski, James; Smilanic, Daniel
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Subject: Buck

Hello Kaz and Fr. Smilanic--

It is Tuesday afternoon and there have been some developments this morning in regards to Fr. Buck and his existing Decree. Could both of you give me a call on Thursday when you return? I know that you both will be swamped upon your return, but I feel that we [and the Cardinal] may have to respond to this prior to the Cardinal leaving for Rome next week.

Thanks.

Leah

CC: Zrust, MaryAnn

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Rev. Daniel [Withdrawn]

Date: March 2, 2005

PRA called the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on March 1, 2005 in attempts to reach Revs. Anthony Talarico and Daniel Buck in connection with Mrs. [REDACTED] phone call on March 1st [see file]. As Fr. Buck's monitor, PRA left a message for Fr. Talarico and asked for a return call. PRA then asked the secretary if Fr. Buck was available.

Once Fr. Buck came to the phone, PRA asked if he was at his lake house last week. The tone in Fr. Buck's voice immediately changed and he defensively responded, "I don't think I'm going to discuss that with you!" Surprised, PRA informed Fr. Buck of information received that morning that he was at his lake house the week before and again asked if he was there. Continually defensive, Fr. Buck asked who had called PRA and stated that he would not "discuss that" with PRA.

Fr. Buck then began to rant that his canonical proceedings are "over" and that the decree was only valid until the end of such proceedings. PRA corrected Fr. Buck and stated that the decree is valid and as a result, he is forbidden to go to the lake house. PRA also informed Fr. Buck that his canonical case has not yet been completed. Fr. Buck then ranted that Cardinal George went to the retreat house in August [2004] and informed all of them [him and the other men who have pending canonical matters] that the canonical proceedings would be concluded in October [2004]. PRA informed Fr. Buck that she has no control over what the Cardinal has said or done, but again clarified for him that his canonical proceeding is not over and as a result, the decree that forbids him from being at his lake house is still valid. PRA then informed Fr. Buck that as per the decree, he is not to be at his lake house.

Fr. Buck then complained that "someone at the Archdiocese isn't doing their job" and that he does not know what is going on with his case. PRA advised Fr. Buck to discuss any canonical concerns with either his advocate and/or Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter

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of Justice. Fr. Buck then complained that “no one” shares any information with his canonical advocate. PRA again emphasized that Fr. Buck direct canonical questions/concerns to either his advocate, Fr. Smilanic, or Rev. Patrick Leggas, Judicial Vicar.

Fr. Buck continued to express his frustration and mentioned to PRA that he is “tired of being harassed.” PRA then asked Fr. Buck if he was suggesting that PRA was harassing him. Fr. Buck angrily stated that it was “that family [REDACTED]” that was harassing him and again asked who called PRA to say that he was at the lake house. PRA told Fr. Buck that obviously someone from “that family [REDACTED]” saw him there and called the Office of Professional Responsibility. It was explained to Fr. Buck that part of PRA’s responsibility was to follow through to ask him if he was at the lake house and if so, he would be in violation of the decree.

Fr. Buck eventually seemed to tire of the conversation and sounded extremely agitated. At one point in the conversation he spoke of the possibility of having to file a legal suit. PRA was not certain if he insinuated filing a legal suit against the [REDACTED] Family or against the Archdiocese of Chicago.

PRA did inform Fr. Buck that this matter would be communicated to his Vicar for Priests, Rev. James Kaczorowski, Fr. Smilanic, and Cardinal George.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., Canonical Advocate
Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Rev. Daniel [Withdrawn]

Date: March 2, 2005

PRA received a voice mail message from Mrs. [REDACTED] on March 1, 2005 requesting a return call regarding Rev. Daniel Buck. Mrs. [REDACTED] formalized her allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Buck on September 22, 2002. Francis Cardinal George accepted the Review Board's recommendation that there was reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged abuse occurred on July 25, 2003.

Upon returning Mrs. [REDACTED] phone call, she asked PRA the status of Fr. Buck's canonical case. Mrs. [REDACTED] also mentioned the decree that forbids Fr. Buck from being at his lake home that is located [REDACTED]. She shared that it was her understanding that Fr. Buck was not to be at his lake house until the end of the canonical trial, at which time she assumed that she would be notified of the outcome. PRA agreed with Mrs. [REDACTED] that according to the existing decree, Fr. Buck is not to be at his lake home. PRA also informed Mrs. [REDACTED] that Fr. Buck's canonical case is still pending.

Mrs. [REDACTED] then informed PRA that her family saw Fr. Buck's car at his lake home on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. She stated that her family is familiar with Fr. Buck's car and license plate, and saw the vehicle at his lake home on February 22nd. Upon seeing Fr. Buck's car, one of Mrs. [REDACTED] older siblings went to the home and knocked on the door. As per Mrs. [REDACTED] a man who was not Fr. Buck answered the door. Mrs. [REDACTED] sister then asked the man if Fr. Buck was at the lake home, to which he responded, "That's none of your business." When Mrs. [REDACTED] sister asked again if Fr. Buck was there and if he was going to be visiting the home again in the future, he responded, "That's none of your business."

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she first left a message for her attorney [REDACTED] but decided to call PRA as well.

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PRA first thanked Mrs. [REDACTED] for calling and again confirmed for her that Fr. Buck was not to be at the lake house. Mrs. [REDACTED] was informed that Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests and Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice would be contacted by PRA about this matter upon their return from vacation on Thursday, March 3, 2005. PRA provided Mrs. [REDACTED] with a very brief explanation of canon law and the violation of an existing canonical decree. Mrs. [REDACTED] was informed that this incident would be communicated to Cardinal George and that he is the only person who could chose to impose a penalty against Fr. Buck for his apparent violation of the mentioned decree.

Mrs. [REDACTED] appreciated the information provided to her. It was agreed that PRA would communicate with Mrs. [REDACTED] the outcome of the matter of Fr. Buck going up to the lake house despite the existing decree.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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March 8, 2005

Rev. Daniel Buck
P. O. Box 455
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

Dear Fr. Buck,

As you know, restrictions have been imposed on you as precautionary measures according to the norm of Canon 1722. These restrictions were confirmed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and were done also to protect you. These measures include a restriction forbidding your presence on the property of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois or any other location [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois. These restrictions remain in effect until all the canonical processes directed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith are completed.

It has come to the attention of the Vicar for Priests and the Professional Responsibility Administrator that you were present at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois on or about Tuesday, February 22, 2005. This is a direct violation of the previously referenced restrictions.

We have discussed this matter with Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. He has determined that your continued violation of the decree may cause anguish to your alleged victims and may put the Archdiocese of Chicago in jeopardy. For these reasons, Cardinal George instructed us to inform you that as a consequence of this violation, your salary of \$20,808.00 will be reduced by 10% effective March 11, 2005. If you continue to violate the referenced restrictions, your salary will continue to be decreased.

If you have any questions or wish clarification, please contact Fr. Kaczorowski at [312] 642-1837 or Ms. McCluskey at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Rev. James T. Kaczorowski.
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests

Handwritten signature of Leah McCluskey.
Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Rev. George Rassas, Vicar General
Dr. Carol Fowler, Director of Personnel Services
Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., Canonical Advocate
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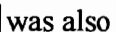
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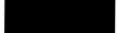
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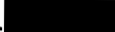
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Mrs. Mayra Flores from the Office of Assistance Ministry and PRA contacted Mrs.  via phone in regards to her March 1, 2005 phone call regarding Rev. Daniel Buck [see file].

PRA informed Mrs.  that upon speaking with her on March 1, 2005, a phone call was made to Fr. Buck. During the phone call, PRA informed Fr. Buck that the canonical decree that forbids him from being at his lake home is valid and will continue to be valid until the end of his canonical proceedings. Mrs.  was also informed that PRA spoke with Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests and then with Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. regarding this matter. As a result of Fr. Buck's violation of the mentioned canonical decree, Cardinal George imposed a penalty of dramatically reducing his salary. Fr. Kaczorowski also informed Fr. Buck that if he continues to violate the existing decree, Cardinal George would impose additional penalties upon him.

PRA informed Mrs.  that this matter was communicated to Fr. Buck both verbally and in written form.

Mrs.  expressed her appreciation for the phone call and for communicating the action taken by Cardinal George. She also expressed her relief that there were consequences for Fr. Buck's actions.

Mrs. Flores and PRA invited Mrs.  to contact either at any time in the future with any questions or concerns.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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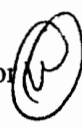


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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Rev. Daniel [Withdrawn]

Date: March 17, 2005

PRA received a return phone call from Rev. Anthony Talarico, current on-site monitor for Rev. Daniel Buck and other withdrawn priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago residing at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. PRA had first contacted Fr. Talarico on March 2, 2005 in connection with Fr. Buck and the question of his presence at his lake home [see file].

When asked by PRA, Fr. Talarico stated that he does not have any knowledge of Fr. Buck going to his lake home in the recent past. PRA updated Fr. Talarico on information received in the Office of Professional Responsibility that Fr. Buck had violated the existing decree and gone to his lake home during the last week of February 2005. Fr. Talarico was also notified that Fr. Buck was informed that his canonical process is not yet completed, therefore the continued existence of the said decree. He stated that he did know that Fr. Buck was not happy that his pay had been recently reduced.

At the end of the phone call, it was agreed that Fr. Talarico would notify PRA and/or Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests of any time in the future when he is aware that Fr. Buck has gone or plans on going to his lake home.

It was also agreed that in the future when Fr. Talarico will be away from the Retreat House for even one evening, he would notify PRA and/or Fr. Kaczorowski so that a temporary monitor could be identified [most likely Rev. Edward Sidlecki].

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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March 18, 2005

Ms. Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator
Post Office Box 1979
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

On March 9, 2005 I received a letter from your office imposing a punitive reduction of my salary due to an alleged violation of a restriction contained in Cardinal George's decree of July 31, 2003. Even though your letter is brief, it contains numerous misstatements and errors. Therefore, I feel the only way to respond to it is by a line by line critique.

First of all, I am troubled to find Fr. Kaczorowski's signature at the bottom of a letter issued from your office. Your role in these matters must remain distinct and separate from that of the Vicar for Priests office. This clearly demonstrates the continuing role confusion and conflicts of interest between archdiocesan agencies. In the same vein, it is distressing to see that a copy of your letter has been sent to Ms. Carol Fowler. While Ms. Fowler may need to be included in the process of reducing my salary, the details of my alleged offense are none of her business. This is a serious violation of confidentiality.

The text of the letter begins "...restrictions have been imposed on you...according to the norm of Canon 1722." The pertinent part of Canon 1722 states: "The ordinary...can impose or prohibit residence in a given place or territory..." Since Canon 18 holds that "Laws which establish a penalty or restrict the free exercise of rights...are subject to a strict interpretation", Canon 1722 has been inappropriately invoked in these circumstances. I do not reside in [REDACTED]; I reside at the Stritch Retreat House. [REDACTED] will become my residence only if the archdiocese succeeds in driving me from priesthood. Canon 1722, strictly interpreted, was never intended to restrict the free movement of the accused.

"These restrictions were confirmed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith..." I have to take this on faith, since my advocate and I have never seen any documentation from the Vatican.

"...and were done also to protect you." Protect me from what? My false accusers have already accepted an obscene settlement from the archdiocese. If the archdiocese is aware of any specific threat to me, or has entered into any agreement with my false accusers concerning my house, such information has been steadfastly denied me and my advocate. I raised this issue

in my letter to Cardinal George dated August 14, 2003. The letter received no response.

"...the property of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois." Your letter continues the error of the Cardinal's decree, and I'm not referring to the misspelling of the family name. If Canon 1722 has been misused concerning my house, the concept of residence has been totally redefined for my false accusers. Neither Ms. [REDACTED] nor Ms. [REDACTED] own any property in [REDACTED], they have never lived there, and they rarely visit. The fact that Mrs. [REDACTED] name is not in bold print is, I would hope, an admission that she has no standing to dictate my comings and my goings.

"These restrictions remain in effect until all the canonical processes...are completed." The last communication I received from the Cardinal concerning the canonical processes was at a meeting, and in a document, dated August 20, 2004. At that meeting my compatriots and I were told to prepare defense briefs within a month, and we were assured that the final decisions would come "as quickly as possible". My advocate and I have received no further communications over the last six and a half months. I have every reason to believe, and no evidence to the contrary, that the canonical process has been completed, and that the Cardinal's announcement of his decision, for some unknown reason, has been delayed.

"It has come to the attention of the Vicar for Priests and the Professional Responsibility Administrator that you were present at [REDACTED] on or about Tuesday, February 22, 2005." Once again, your office has made the leap from unsubstantiated allegation to certitude. I have not admitted my presence at my house. Apparently, my nosy neighbors aren't sure whether I was there, because one of my housemates reports that an unidentified woman showed up at the door demanding, "Is Father Buck here?" She wasn't sure of my whereabouts, but you and Fr. Kaczorowski are.

The bias against me by your office and that of the Vicar for Priests has been consistent. In 2002, two women came forward with unsubstantiated allegations of abuse against me. Their testimony was vague and conflicting. It was not recorded according to canonical norms, was not notarized, and was not signed under oath. (My advocate covered the canonical violations in his letter dated July 1, 2003. That letter received no response.) In addition, the testimony of one woman was corrupted by the presence of the other during the interview. There was no evidence, there were no witnesses, there was no proof. On the other hand, I vigorously denied the allegations in several interviews and in many pages of written testimony. Notwithstanding all of this, the Profess-

ional Fitness Review Board issued its "reasonable cause to suspect" findings. Within weeks the Chancellor was announcing my guilt and that of my compatriots in the media and in official documents. I'm also told that Vatican officials have found my guilt to be "clear and grave", although I've been refused access to any documentation of this.

In its eagerness to appease alleged victims and their greedy lawyers and to kowtow to sensational media and the so-called victims' support groups, the archdiocese has chosen to trample on the basic principles of canon and civil law and, more importantly, the Gospel of Jesus.

"(Cardinal George) has determined that your continued violation of the decree may cause anguish to your alleged victims..." There has been absolutely no evidence of anguish on the part of my so-called victims or any of their family members for more than thirty years. This anguish only surfaced when their notorious lawyer was negotiating a lucrative settlement. The anguish is as bogus as the original allegations.

"...and may put the Archdiocese of Chicago in jeopardy." This jeopardy is possible only if the archdiocese made some kind of agreement with the alleged victims, perhaps as part of the settlement. Fr. Kaczorowski has assured me that there is no such agreement. Archdiocesan authorities must inform my tormentors that there is no legal or ethical way that I can be deprived of my property rights indefinitely.

"...your salary...will be reduced by 10%..." When I asked Fr. Kaczorowski how long this penalty will continue, he replied that it has no end. Figuring that I have ten years of service to the Church left before retirement, that comes out to a penalty of well over \$20,000 for one unproven alleged violation. I suppose that in an atmosphere of "zero tolerance", any concept of the punishment fitting the crime has gone out the window. It's a good thing that Jesus would not countenance the notion of zero tolerance; otherwise St. Peter would have finished his career as a poor fisherman.

The often-quoted Canon 1722 concludes with these words: "...all these measures must be revoked once the reason for them ceases; they also end by the law itself when the penal process ceases." While I would argue that justifiable reason for this punitive measure has never existed, I would hope that we could all agree that we look forward to the day, in the near future, when the final provision of this canon will take effect.

If you have any questions or wish clarification, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc: Francis Cardinal George

Rev. George Rassas

Rev. Daniel Smilanic

Rev. James Kaczorowski

Rev. Kenneth Kauchek

[REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carol Fowler

FR: Fr. Jim Kaczorowski

DT: March 29, 2005

RE: Attached

Attached is a letter written to Leah McCluskey, with cc's to me and various others, regarding Dan Buck.

I am not sure you saw this letter, but felt you should since you are handling his interim salary.

Thanks for all you do.

God bless.

TRANSMISSION-REPORT

TIME : MAR 29 '05 11:56
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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

(#1)
 Rev. Daniel Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
 Minneapolis MN, Boone IA, Mount Pleasant IA (Bus Tour)
 630 661-5547 [destination address and contact phone number] from

26 May 2005 [departure date] through 30 May 2005 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by

(#2) Bro. [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by #1 [name of cleric] must be in the
 presence of #2 [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations
 and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. #2 [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the
 activities and whereabouts of #1 [cleric name] over
 See Above [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to #1's [cleric name]
 residence has been scheduled for See Above [aforementioned return date].
 However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be
 changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be
 substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel A. Buck Date: 21 Apr 2005

PRA Signature: Leah McCluskey Date: 4/21/05

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file
 in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar
 for Priests' Office.

Fax to: Ms. Leah McCluskey
 312 751-5279

From: Rev. Daniel Buck
 847 566-6082

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

MAY 13 2005

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

(#1)
Rev. Daniel P. Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
Pheasant Run Resort 630 584-6300
St. Charles Illinois [destination address and contact phone number] from

28 June 2005 [departure date] through 1 July 2005 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by

(#2)
Rev. Mark Canavan [name of travel monitor]. #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

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Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 13 May 2005

PRA Signature: Leah McCluskey Date: 5/19/05

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

(#1)

Rev. Daniel P. Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from

10 June 2005 [departure date] through 11 June 2005 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by

Bro. (#2) [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

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Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 6 Jun 2005

PRA Signature: Pat McCloud Date: 6/7/05

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(#1)
Rev. Daniel P. Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from

17 June 2005 [departure date] through 18 June 2005 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by
(#2) [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of
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RECEIVED**TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION****JUN 16 2005**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

(#1)
 Rev. Daniel P. Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be travelling to [redacted]
 [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from

17 June 2005 [departure date] through 18 June 2005 [return date].

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Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 16 Jun 2005
 PRA Signature: Leah McCluskey Date: 6/16/05

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RECEIVED**TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION****JUL 08 2005**

(#1)
 Rev. Daniel P. Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
 [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from
 13 Jul 2005 [departure date] through 14 Jul 2005 [return date].

 ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by
 (#2) [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. #2 [name of
 travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of
 #1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

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Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 8 Jul 2005

PRA Signature: Leah McCluskey Date: 7/8/05

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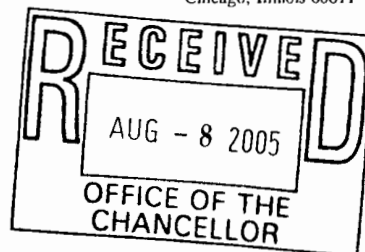
Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.
Chicago, Illinois 60611

July 22, 2005

Rev. Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060



Dear Dan:

I have completed my review of the case of sexual misconduct with minors that has been pending against you. My decision is contained in the enclosed decree.

I have also sent a copy of this decree to your advocate, so you might want to discuss this with him.

Should you wish to appeal this decree, you may do so to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith within the prescribed period of time. However, you will be expected to bear any of the expenses associated with such an appeal.

I hope this will bring some conclusion to this matter which has been most difficult for both of us. Please be assured that you remain in my prayers; I ask that you keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Rev. Kenneth Kauchek, Advocate
Rev. George J. Rassas, Vicar General
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Promoter of Justice
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator
Mr. John O'Malley, Legal Services

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.
Chicago, Illinois 60611

D E C R E E

THE FACTS.

Reverend Daniel Buck is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who was ordained for this Archdiocese in 1971. He has served the Archdiocese in the following assignments as a parochial vicar: St. Luke (River Forest) from 1971-1976; Our Lady of Grace (Chicago) from 1976-1979; St. Wenceslaus (Chicago) in 1979; St. Francis Borgia (Chicago) from 1979-1984; St. Thomas of Villanova (Palatine) from 1984 – 1989; St. Pius X (Stickney) from 1989-1995; St. Frances of Rome (Cicero) from 1995-2001; and St. Mary (Buffalo Grove) from 2001-2002. At the present time, he is not engaged in any public ministry and resides in a monitored setting at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, Illinois.

In 1984, the parents of a minor brought a letter to the attention of the Archdiocese of Chicago concerning an inappropriate relationship between Father Buck and their daughter. This matter was handled according to the accepted procedures at the time. In 1995, the incident was again investigated because a relative of the accused had brought the incident to the attention of the Archdiocese. Again, the matter was dealt with according to accepted procedures at the time. After therapy, Father Buck was again assigned as a parochial vicar in the Archdiocese. Because of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and the subsequent *Essential Norms* adopted by the bishops of the United States and approved by the Holy See, Father Buck was again asked not to exercise any public ministry and to reside at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein. He willingly and generously complied with this request.

However, in October and again in November, 2002, two additional accusations of sexual misconduct were made against Father Buck. The matter was brought before the Professional Responsibility Review Board for an Initial Review. On January 11, 2003, the Professional Responsibility Review Board advised me that there seemed to be some semblance of truth to the two new accusations. A fourth allegation was made, but the accuser did not wish to formalize her complaint.

In accordance with the Code of Canon Law, a preliminary investigation was undertaken on May 23, 2003 by my delegate, Leah McCluskey. After receiving her report, I shared the findings again with the Professional Responsibility Review Board, which advised me that they believed the matter ought to be referred to the Holy See, in accordance with the *motu proprio Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela*.

I referred this matter to the Holy See on September 15, 2003, receiving a reply on July 13, 2004 (P.N. 12/03 - 19658), dispensing from canonical prescription and instructing me to conduct an administrative penal process. I initiated this process on August 26, 2004, entrusting its instruction to Reverend Patrick R. Lagges. All the evidence and proofs have been gathered.

Father Buck has been cited according to the norm of law. I had already accepted his previous mandate for Reverend Kenneth Kaucke to act as his advocate. Both Father Buck and his advocate, Father Kaucke, have had an opportunity to review the acts of this case and have been allowed to comment on them.

I have appointed two assessors to assist me in coming to a decision in this matter, in accordance with the prescriptions of the law and the directives of the Holy See. They have reviewed all the acts of the case and have presented me with their opinions.

I have carefully reviewed all the acts of the case and listened to the opinions of the Assessors. Having prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I have now come to a decision on the following matter:

Is **Father Daniel Buck** guilty of the delict described in c. 1395§2 (c. 2359§2 of the 1917 Code of Canon Law); namely sexual misconduct with a minor? and insofar as this is true, what penalty ought to be imposed?

THE LAW.

Every society which is organized in the world must establish rules that govern how its members are to behave and what to do when its members don't behave in that way. This is no less true of the Church. It is for this reason that c. 1311 states, "The Church has the innate and proper right to coerce offending members of the Christian faithful with penal sanctions."

However, the present Code, following upon the principle established by the bishops of the world that the number of automatic penalties should be reduced and only inflicted for the most serious reasons, recognized the wisdom of the Fathers of the Council of Trent who wrote, "Let Bishops and other Ordinaries bear in mind that they are pastors and not prosecutors and that they ought to preside over those subject to them so as not to lord it over them, but to love them as children and brethren and to strive by exhortation and admonition to deter them from what is unlawful, that they may not be obliged should [their subjects] transgress, to coerce them by due punishments....But if on account of the gravity of the offense there is need of the rod, then its rigor is to be tempered with gentleness, judgement with mercy, and severity with clemency, that discipline, so salutary and necessary for the people, may be preserved without harshness and they who are chastised may be corrected...." This was also enshrined in the 1917 Code of Canon Law as c. 2214§2.

The present Code also emphasized that the imposition of penalties is to come only as a last resort. Canon 1341 admonishes bishops and other ordinaries not to begin penal proceedings until they have exhausted all other means of repairing scandal, restoring justice, and reforming the offender.

There are some crimes, however, that are so heinous that their effects reverberate through the whole Church. In such cases, the Holy See intervenes to issue particular legislation to ensure the unity of the Church is not harmed by the action of individual.

Such is the case with clerical sexual abuse of minors. Canon 1395§2 states, "A cleric who in another way has committed an offense against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue, if the delict was committed by force or threats or publicly or with a minor below the age of

sixteen years, is to be punished with just penalties, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state if the case so warrants.” Recognizing the gravity of this offense, and the long term effects that this has upon the victim, the Holy See issued particular legislation for the United States in 1994, defining the offense as applicable when any person under the age of eighteen was abused by a cleric. In 2001, this became the universal law of the Church with the promulgation of the *motu proprio*, *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*. Further particular legislation in the United States, namely the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons* has established dismissal from the clerical state as the normal penalty to be imposed in cases where clerics have been found guilty of the delict of sexual abuse of minors.

Since c. 1342§2 prohibits the imposition of perpetual penalties by means of a decree, this would mean that normally a judicial trial would have to take place in order to impose the penalty prescribed by the *Essential Norms*. However, on 7 February, 2003, the Holy Father issued further legislation which granted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith the faculty to issue decrees of dismissal from the clerical state. It allowed the Particular Congress of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in cases which are “grave and clear”, to allow some cases to “be treated under the summary process of can. 1720 by the Ordinary who, in case he is of the opinion that the accused should be dismissed from the clerical state, will ask the CDF to impose dismissal by decree.” This was a derogation from Article 17 of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, which states, “The more grave delicts reserved to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith may only be tried in a judicial process.”

In this particular case, the Particular Congress of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in permitting this case to be handled according to the summary judicial process, also included the provision that the Particular Congress would also consider imposing “some other perpetual penalty” recommended by the Ordinary. The Congregation has also granted a dispensation from prescription in this matter (see P.N. 12/03 – 19658) so that the action has not been extinguished.

In determining whether a delict has been committed and a penalty ought to be imposed, the bishop must make three distinct decisions, according to cc. 1717-1720. First, he must decide whether there is some semblance of truth to the accusation (c. 1717). According to the *Essential Norms*, he is to seek the advice of a diocesan review board which is to be established as a consultative body in each diocese to assist the bishop in making determinations in various stages of the process.

Having made the decision that there is some semblance of truth to an accusation, the bishop must then conduct an inquiry either personally or through another in order to decide whether a further penal process is warranted in a case. In weighing the evidence presented from this investigation, the bishop must then decide whether further action is necessary in order to determine whether a delict has been committed and what penalty ought to be imposed.

According to *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, if he determines that further action is necessary, the bishop must refer the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (see Article 13), seeking further direction as to how to proceed. The Congregation will then direct the bishop to initiate a judicial trial, to initiate an administrative process, or to provide for a resolution of the case in some other administrative manner. In the most egregious cases, the

Congregation has been granted the faculty to refer the case directly to the Holy Father for an *ex officio* dismissal from the clerical state.

In this particular case, the Congregation has directed me to proceed with an administrative penal process, according to c. 1720, and, if the case warrants the imposition of a perpetual penalty, to refer the matter back to the Congregation for its consideration of my decision and the imposition of a perpetual penalty if the Congregation feels it is so warranted.

Having taken the above into consideration,
having carefully weighed the evidence and the proofs,
having afforded the accused the right of defense through his legitimately mandated Advocate,
having listened to the Reverend Promoter of Justice, and
having consulted two experts in the law who have served as Assessors,
I, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago,
having only God before my eyes,
and invoking the name of the Most Holy Trinity,
do hereby **declare, pronounce, and decree:**

Reverend Daniel Buck has been found guilty of the delict described in c. 1395§2 (c. 2359§2 of the 1917 Code); namely sexual abuse of a minor under the age of sixteen. I have reached moral certitude that Father Buck has committed this delict with three minors. The letter which he wrote and which is in the acts of the case clearly demonstrates that Father Buck was guilty of a violation of the Sixth Commandment of the Decalogue with his first accuser. With regard to two other accusers, I have found that Father Buck has exhibited behavior which is consistent with those who have sexually abused minors. First, he has engaged in behavior typically referred to as “grooming.” Second, his defense that he continued to have a relationship with his accusers even after the alleged abuse took place does not prove the abuse did not take place. Many abusers continue to have a relationship with their victims even after the incident, since they had become “trusted friends” before the abuse took place. This, combined with the testimony of the two women who claimed they were abused by Father Buck, has convinced me that the abuse did indeed take place.

Because of the seriousness of the offense, taking into account the circumstances of persons and things, and keeping foremost in my mind my obligation, enunciated by the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, to provide for the protection of children and young people in my diocese, I have determined that a canonical penalty is warranted in this case.

Therefore, I make the following provisions in this case:

Father Daniel Buck’s faculties to minister as a priest of the Archdiocese are removed for a period of ten years. At the end of that period of time, this decree will be reviewed to see if it must be renewed or can be revised. However, Father Buck is permitted to celebrate Mass alone in his room, with no one else present. He may also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick in danger of death only.

Father Buck's salary shall be determined as that of an associate pastor, less any administrative expenses determined in particular law of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

With regard to where Father Buck might live during this time and what activities he might be engaged in, I hereby designate the Vicar for Priests and the Professional Responsibility Administrator to work with Father Buck in determining these matters. They are also to establish a monitoring protocol so that Father Buck's activities may be supervised.

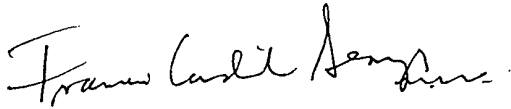
Because of my concern for the scandal that might result from Father Buck frequenting the property he owns at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Illinois, I again forbid Father Buck from frequenting, visiting, or inhabiting this property. I encourage him to work for an equitable solution to this matter, however, in which case this prohibition may be lifted.

I also dispense Father Buck from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and strongly urge that he not wear such attire. Furthermore, he is not to represent himself as a priest to those unknown to him and may not act as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I urge Father Buck to observe the prescriptions of canons 273 to 289 concerning the rights and obligations of clerics. That is, he is to show reverence and obedience to the Supreme Pontiff and to his Ordinary (c. 273); to unite himself with the presbyterate of Chicago and promote the mission of the laity (c. 275); to pursue holiness of life, especially by availing himself of daily prayer, monthly spiritual direction and an annual retreat; to pursue opportunities for continuing education (c. 279); to foster simplicity of life (c. 282); and to foster peace and harmony based on justice (c. 287).

This decision shall be made known to Father Buck and to his Advocate at the earliest possible moment, as well as their right to appeal any decision of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to the *feria quarta* of that same Congregation.

Given at Chicago, Illinois on the 22nd day of July, 2005.



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago



Rev. Richard Aandvik
Ecclesiastical Notary

8 Aug 2005

Notes on Negotiations Concerning
Rigel VI Inc., [REDACTED]

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The "Rigel" House

The house in [REDACTED], held in trust by Rigel VI Inc., was purchased in 1972 by six priests including Fr. Dan Buck. Departure and death have now reduced the number to four. The two-story house has three bedrooms and one and a half bathrooms, and a full basement adjoined by a one and a half car garage. It is situated on a narrow lot with lakefront frontage and a pier. All house infrastructure has been upgraded or replaced over the last thirty years, and the house is in very good condition. The most recent real estate tax bill listed the fair market value at \$242,000; this is a conservative estimate. In addition, a new seventeen-foot power boat was purchased in 2003.

The bylaws of the trust stipulate that if a member leaves the partnership, he is not entitled to any reimbursement. Thus if Fr. Buck were to cease paying his share of monthly expenses, he would lose his entire investment.

4 There is no interest in selling the house in order to purchase another. The members of the corporation are no longer twenty-seven years old and are not in a position financially (especially Fr. Buck) to afford the costs of moving and furnishing a new home. There is also a strong motivation not to give in to coercion.

Because of the restricted storage space at Fr. Buck's current residence, he has moved many of his most valuable possessions to [REDACTED]. These include books, antique toys, and tools. Also he spent over twenty years building an extensive model railroad in the basement, worth many thousands of dollars. He has not had access to any of this property for more than two years.

For thirty plus years the Rigel house has been used primarily as a Tuesday-day-off refuge, sometime spilling over into Monday evening or Wednesday morning. In the past there were summer vacations of ten days to two weeks, although this has not happened in recent years. A few of the members have hosted family gatherings over weekends or holidays, but Fr. Buck has not done this in many years. In any case this is a rare occurrence.

A few of the members have talked about retiring to the house; this was never Fr. Buck's intention. However, since his options for the future have been severely altered and his income cut, circumstances could force him to take full-time residence in [REDACTED]. This is not desirable but could become inevitable.

Ordinary household chores and maintenance duties have been shared by the members over the years. Financial realities have forced the partners to be resourceful in their do-it-yourself

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activities. Fr. Buck's special skills and attention to detail have been missed for the past two years. All members of the corporation have suffered because of his absence.

Mrs. [REDACTED] House

Mrs. [REDACTED] purchased the home [REDACTED] in 1999, at approximately the same time she was allegedly told that her daughters' abuser was a part owner of [REDACTED]. Prior to this she had been a co-owner with her sister [REDACTED] of the summer cottage [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] attitude toward her neighbors at Rigel, and particularly toward Fr. Buck, is puzzling. She has always been a thoughtful and friendly neighbor. Ms. Leah McCluskey testifies that Mrs. [REDACTED] has "forgiven" Fr. Buck, and Mrs. [REDACTED] tells of the hug Mrs. [REDACTED] shared with him after their June 2002 conversation. It is possible that her apprehension stems from her misunderstanding of parts of that conversation. She may sincerely believe that Fr. Buck presents a current threat to her grandchildren. This of course is not true. All the members of Rigel are pledged to do whatever is necessary to relieve her apprehension.

The Surrounding Houses

[REDACTED]

The bottom line is that none of the houses in the vicinity of the priests' house have children as permanent occupants. During at

least nine months of the year there are no children living in the immediate area. The children who do visit with their parents during the summer do so mainly on weekends or for vacations of a week or two.

Proposed Conditions

There are a number of apparent goals which are desirable to the [REDACTED] family, the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the partners sharing ownership of Rigel VI Incorporated. In order to achieve the common goals listed below, the priests suggest the following strategies:

Goal #1: The Protection of Children

Fr. Buck agrees to be monitored at [REDACTED] by a classmate or another responsible adult. On those occasions when children are in the vicinity of Rigel, Fr. Buck pledges to remain inside his home. If he must leave for some reason, e.g. to go out to dinner, he will do so only in the close company of his classmates or another responsible adult.

Goal #2: Avoidance of Confrontation Between Accusers and Accused

As agreed to ^{their mother is part of the family} previously, when aware that either of his accusers and/or their immediate families are to be present, Fr. Buck will absent himself from his home. His classmates are agreeable to any reliable system of notification.

Goal #3: Avoidance of Damaging Publicity

The chance of bad publicity is minimized by the apparent unwillingness of the accusers to go public with their accusations, and by the absence of children living in the area. In short, there is no story here. For their part, the members of Rigel VI pledge to avoid any contact with the press.

Goal #4: Avoidance of Further Litigation

Since the Archdiocese reached an out-of-court settlement with the accusers in the fall of 2003, and since Fr. Kaczorowski has testified that the [REDACTED] house was not discussed in the settlement, further litigation against the Archdiocese by the accusers would seem to be precluded. This is the main purpose of a settlement. In addition the accusers have had many opportunities to sue Fr. Buck and have not done so; there is no reason to believe they would do so in the future even if they were able. The only realistic threat of litigation lies in the legal action Fr. Buck will be forced to pursue if his basic property rights continue to be violated.

Goal #5: Mrs. [REDACTED] Comfort

Even though it goes against the principles of Christian neighborliness, the partners of Rigel VI Inc. pledge to do all in their power to avoid all contact with Mrs. [REDACTED] and her family. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If there are other goals to be considered, the priests of Rigel stand ready to work toward their resolution.

Rev. Mark Canavan
8806 Ridgeland Ave.
Oak Lawn IL 60453
[REDACTED]

Rev. Thomas Moran
7939 W. 43rd St.
Lyons IL 60534
[REDACTED]

Rev. Daniel Buck
Post Office Box 455
Mundelein IL 60060
[REDACTED]

Rev. Daniel Jarosewic
6435 S. Kilbourn Ave.
Chicago IL 60629
[REDACTED]



August 15, 2005

Saint Mary Parish

Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
467 Fairford
Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236

Dear Ken:

Enclosed are the notes I put together to help with negotiations about my use of my house. I put the fact sheets about the house and its surrounding area together in such a way that I feel even those on the other side of this controversy will be unable to take issue with these facts.

My classmates have signed on with this process, and I think their participation will be crucial. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I'm excited at the possibility that we can end this intolerable situation to everyone's satisfaction, but I'm concerned that we proceed in a careful and sensitive manner. My classmates and I were especially bothered by the proposal to end all contact with Mrs. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] suggested that the benefits of watchful neighbors to an elderly woman spending most of her day alone might be emphasized. Obviously, more planning is needed before we proceed.

I've also enclosed a copy of a reminder note I sent to Ed Grace concerning my salary. My full pay was not restored in the payroll of August 12. I'll be watching for the next check on August 26.

As always, thanks for all your efforts on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Jan



August 15, 2005

Saint Mary Parish

Rev. Edward D. Grace
Vicar for Priests' Office
645 N. Michigan Ave., Suite #543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ed:

My canonical advocate suggested that I remind you that, as agreed upon in our meeting of August 3, my salary is to be restored to "that of an associate pastor, less any administrative expenses determined in particular law of the Archdiocese of Chicago." My calculations determine that my salary per pay period, minus the 10% administrative expense and before annuity reduction, should be \$793.83.

I realize that the payroll of August 12 probably occurred too quickly for this adjustment to have been made, but I look forward to the pay check of August 26 to reflect the correction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

c. Rev. Kenneth Kauchek

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

(#1)
 Rev. Daniel P. Buck [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling on [name of cleric]
 [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from

19 Aug 2005 [departure date] through 20 Aug 2005 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by

(#2) Bro. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

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[see attached correspondence]

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3. As previously noted, the date of return to #1's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for See Above [aforementioned return date].

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Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 18 Aug 2005

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/19/05

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

To:
 Leah McCluekey
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From:
 Rev. Daniel P. Buck
 847 566-6085
 Fax 847 566-6082

From: Edward Grace
To: McCluskey, Leah
Subject: Dan Buck



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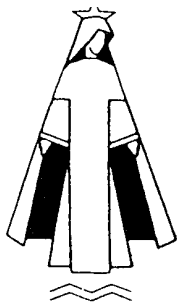
Leah,

I received a letter from Dan Buck referencing his Decree and requesting that his salary be increased to "Associate less 10%" as specified in the decree. I checked with Lagges to see if that was his intent in the wording of the decree. Pat said that it was and so I have asked Pat Cummings to arrange for Dan Buck's salary to be changed to reflect this. I have not yet discussed this with Dan because we have been playing voice mail tag. When I do I will point out to him that what has been restored may also be removed again in case of failure to observe the protocols.

— Retro active ~~and~~ from
August pay period

Thanks

Note to Pat. V. now file - 7. Buck



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Very Rev. Patrick Lagges
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

August 28, 2005

Dear Pat:

It is my hope that this letter finds you healthy and well. Since our last meeting I have worked with Fr. Dan Buck and his group to present a proposal through you to the Cardinal. This proposal was worked out following the meeting and discussion at the Stritch Retreat Center with the Cardinal.

Since the Cardinal did encourage him to work for "...an equitable solution to the matter" so that the prohibition could be lifted, His fraternity of priests are presenting the attached proposal to the Cardinal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries about the proposal.

I pray that God will continue to bless your ministry.

Fraternally,

Reverend Kenneth R. Kaucke J.C.D.

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF VICAR FOR PRIESTS

TO: PATT VANDERFLOW

FROM: SISTER PAT

DATE: AUGUST 29, 2005

RE: FATHER DAN BUCK'S SALARY

I AM WRITING AT THE REQUEST OF FATHER ED GRACE.

According to the decree for Father Dan Buck he is to receive an "Associate Salary less 10%.". He had been receiving less than that amt. However he is now restored to the less 10% status. This was approved by Father Lagges.

Please make the appropriate changes retroactive from August 1, 2005.

Thank you for attending to this.

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Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 9 Sep 2005

PRA Signature: Leah McCluskey Date: 9/12/05

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Fr. Kauchek then asked Cardinal George about the existing decree, which states the initiation of a 10% reduction in Fr. Buck's salary. This decree was imposed as a result of Fr. Buck's [alleged] violation of the decree forbidding his presence at the aforementioned [REDACTED] home. In response to Fr. Kauchek, Cardinal George clarified that Fr. Buck's current salary is that of an associate priest. Fr. Lagges then expressed that the August 3rd meeting was not a forum to argue the decree[s] and that all appeals be made to Rome.

When asked by Fr. Buck, it was clarified that Fr. Grace is his Vicar for Priests. Fr. Kauchek then asked about Fr. Buck's current and future living arrangements. Both Cardinal George and Fr. Lagges spoke of the hope to move Fr. Buck and the other withdrawn priests [for the alleged sexual abuse of minors] out of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House and to another monitored location. They also talked about the intent to have Fr. Buck and the other withdrawn priests be assigned to/engage in work that is not public ministry.

When asked by Fr. Buck, it was confirmed that his current monitoring protocols would continue until they are revised in the future.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-01

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Buck, Rev. Daniel [Withdrawn]

Date: September 20, 2005

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar, Revs. Edward Grace and Vincent Costello Vicars for Priests, and PRA traveled to the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House to meet with Rev. Daniel Buck on August 3, 2005. The meeting had been scheduled at the request of Cardinal George so that he could speak with Fr. Buck about the administrative penal process that he was instructed to conduct by the Holy See (P.N. 12/03 – 19658)."

Cardinal George began the meeting with a prayer and then provided Fr. Buck with a copy of the aforementioned decree [see file]. Fr. Buck had requested the presence of his canonical advocate, Rev. Kenneth R. Kaucke, J.C.D. at the August 3rd meeting. Fr. Lagges provided Fr. Kaucke with a copy of the decree.

Cardinal George informed Fr. Buck that this matter was referred to the Holy See on September 15, 2003 and that the response was received from the Holy See on July 13, 2004. The Cardinal also informed Fr. Buck that he has completed his review of the case of sexual misconduct with minors that has been pending against him. Cardinal George read over and summarized the decree for Fr. Buck, specifically reading all of the provisions.

Fr. Buck expressed his surprise and disappointment to Cardinal George after receiving the decree and hearing the sanctions. At this point during the August 3rd meeting, Fr. Buck initiated a lengthy discussion concerning his presence at his home located in [REDACTED]. Fr. Buck specifically asked who he would need to speak with regarding the existing decree forbidding his presence at the home and his wish to have the decree rescinded. In response to Fr. Buck's request, Fr. Kaucke suggested a possible mediation around the matter and one that would include Fr. Buck, his accusers, and Cardinal George. Cardinal George expressed his willingness to be open to such mediation and suggested that the Vicar for Priests be involved in such a process as well.

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September 23, 2005

Rev. Marc Reszel
St. Mary Parish
10 N. Buffalo Grove Rd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Dear Father Reszel:

As you know, Cardinal George has resolved eleven cases of priests heretofore temporarily removed from public ministry as a result of an allegation of abuse of a minor. In accord with our policies and practices, victims and the affected parish communities will be informed about the resolution of the cases. With that in mind, I ask that you share the enclosed letter with your parishioners at Masses this weekend.

I suggest you do so in a manner that, in your judgment, best suits your particular parish situation: pulpit announcement (experience has demonstrated that such announcements are best made after Communion), bulletin announcement/insert, copies distributed after weekend Masses, or a combination of these.

Thank you for your cooperation in fulfilling this request, even though it is with short notice.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. George Rassas".

Reverend George J. Rassas
Vicar General

cc: Rev. Farrell Kane, O.Carm.

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Specifically, the Holy See reviewed and confirmed Cardinal George's acceptance of the advice of the Review Board and authorized Cardinal George to resolve the matter administratively. Pursuant to that instruction, Cardinal George reviewed all of the information collected, listened to the opinions of canonical advocates, and sought advice from his own canonical advisors as well as from assessors who are canon lawyers independent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Cardinal George has determined based upon the information presented that sexual misconduct did occur with a minor, and he has prohibited Father Buck from engaging in any public ministry, presenting himself as a priest, or acting as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

It is my hope and prayer that while this announcement is yet one more reminder of a sad reality, it may also bring a measure of finality and peace to the people of St. Mary Parish.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those affected by the sin of abuse. They and all of you are daily in my prayer.

Sincerely yours,

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September 23, 2005

Rev. Raymond Yadron
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
1201 E. Anderson Drive
Palatine, IL 60074-4147

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

TO: Father Ed Grace
Ms. Mayra Flores
Ms. Leah McCluskey
FROM: Father Lagges *PL*
RE: [REDACTED] appeal of Cardinal George's decree
DATE: 23 September, 2005

[REDACTED]

For [REDACTED] because their decrees were administrative, their appeals follow the process called "hierarchical administrative recourse." This means that they have 10 days from the issuance of the decree to appeal to Cardinal George to modify or amend his decree. Cardinal George has 30 days to consider it. If he doesn't say anything after thirty days or refuses to change the decree, the appellant has 15 days to appeal to Rome.

In essence, Cardinal George has done both: he did not respond within the 30 days (since for most of that time he was in Rome), and he later responded, refusing to change the decree.

For those who had their cases settle by the administrative penal process (Buck, [REDACTED]), their appeal would have to go directly to Rome within thirty days. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Critics are concerned about priests living on the grounds of the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein recently removed by the Chicago Archdiocese on allegations of sexual misconduct.

Police want list of punished priests

BY MADHU
KRISHNAMURTHY
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Daily Herald Staff Writers

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Still others are calling for that information to be made public.

Veteran Lake County Children's Advocacy Center investigator Mark Pleasant said the public should know whether the priests undergo counseling and the severity of their supposed offenses.

"The whole problem here is the lack of information that is available," said Pleasant, who works for an arm of the Lake County state's attorney's office. "These people exist (under) a veil of secrecy."

Dolan said the priests are not under house arrest but must check in with a monitor before leaving university grounds. At times, they may be accompanied by a chaperone. They are allowed to drive cars. They are forbidden from being alone with minors.

Their living quarters were once a retreat house now used solely as a home for removed priests. It is separated by a lake from the seminary campus.

"They are not mixed in with the seminarians, and they definitely should not make plans to go where there are children," Dolan said. "Each one of them, in order to maintain this process, have signed a document to the cardinal saying that they will abide by these rules."

The priests are required to "lead a life of prayer and penance." They should also

receive regular counseling, Dolan said. The priests also can move out of the seminary and leave the priesthood at any time, she said.

But critics say the archdiocese's monitoring system does not work. One such priest accused of sexual misconduct, the Rev. John Callicott of Chicago, slipped under the radar.

Callicott was removed as pastor of Holy Angels parish on Chicago's South Side in 2002 amid accusations he engaged in sexual misconduct with two teenage boys in the 1970s at another church. He was sent to the University of St. Mary of the Lake.

In January 2004, controversy arose when archdiocese officials learned Callicott was traveling from Mundelein, at the invitation of Holy Angels officials, to talk to grade-school students about sex.

"What they call monitoring leaves a lot to be desired," said Barbara Blaine, president of Chicago-based Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. "There is no way to monitor these guys 24 hours a day."

The cardinal has ordered a church trial for Callicott's case.

Dolan said there won't be a repeat of that case because all

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parishes have been informed of the 11 priests' removal.

"Every priest in the diocese

received a letter from the cardinal," she said. "The priests that are up in Mundelein know that

they are in a restricted functioning. They don't belong in a functioning."

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MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Cardinal Stritch Retreat House Residents

Date: October 7, 2005

Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests, Mr. John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services, and PRA traveled to the Mundelein Police Department today to meet with Mr. Raymond Rose, Chief of Police and Mr. Cameron Eugenis, Deputy Chief. The meeting was arranged to discuss those archdiocesan priests who have been withdrawn as a result of a substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor and currently reside at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House located in Mundelein, Illinois. Chief Rose made it clear throughout the meeting that the discussion was not to include any withdrawn priest living in Mundelein who is already a registered sex offender.

After preliminary discussion surrounding the process of a priest being withdrawn from ministry and the Review Board process, Mr. O'Malley informed Chief Rose and Deputy Chief Eugenis of the information that Francis Cardinal George had wished to share with the Mundelein police concerning the aforementioned priests.

Chief Rose stated that basic information they would like to be provided on any priest removed from ministry and living at the Retreat House would be their date of birth, a picture of each man, and a picture of each man's car. Through further discussion, the following information was also requested on each aforementioned priest: height, weight, eye color, hair color, social security number, driver's license number and expiration date, employment information, vehicle information [make, model, year, color, license plate number].

It was also agreed that PRA would contact Chief Rose and Deputy Chief Eugenis via phone in the event that one of the aforementioned priests moves into or out of the Retreat House.

PRA then verbally provided the following information on each withdrawn priest residing at the Retreat House, which was recorded by Chief Rose's secretary: name, date of birth,

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date removed from ministry, and the date of the last substantiated allegation. PRA also verbally provided a basic summary of the monitoring protocol that each withdrawn priest has been asked to follow.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Re: Dan Buck
Date: 10/29/05



I called Mark Canavan and spoke with him concerning Dan's proposal to resume use of his lake home.

Mark Canavan is aware of Dan's proposal and supports it.

He indicated there had been an estrangement between Mrs. [REDACTED] and all the priests since this came up.

- I take that to mean that there is coolness and lack of contact rather than expressed hostility.
- "They're ignored by [REDACTED]"

He understood Dan could not be there alone.

I also asked about the 3 priests willingness to give Mrs. [REDACTED] the notices referred to.

I expressed to mark there were no guarantees Mrs. [REDACTED] would agree and if that was the fact I would inform the Cardinal.

Finally, I also expressed to Mark this would take longer than Dan would wish, in any case.

From: Mayra Flores
To: Edward Grace
Date: 11/1/2005 2:54:01 PM
Subject: Phone Number

Here is the phone number for Mrs. [REDACTED] As I said, she is going to [REDACTED] for a family event and won't be returning to her home until Saturday. I told her you would be calling her regarding Dan Buck, and she agreed to you calling her when she returns.

Peace,
Mayra

Mayra Flores
Assistance Ministry
Archdiocese of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979
312/751-8267
312/751-8307 (fax)
mflores@archchicago.org

To: File
 From: Ed Grace
 Re: Dan Buck
 Date: 11/21/05



Today I received a call from [REDACTED] brother of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have accused Dan Buck of abusing them. The accusations have been deemed credible by the Review Board and Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's recommendation.

As part of its temporary removal decree and protocol Dan was forbidden to be at the home he and three friends own in [REDACTED] IL. [REDACTED]

The permanent Decree dated July 22, 2005 continues this prohibition but asks that some mutual agreeable accommodations be worked out so Dan could make use of this house if possible.

To this end I contacted [REDACTED] mother of the girls, and arranged a meeting with her at her home in [REDACTED] on 11/22/05.

Today her son, [REDACTED] contacted me. He wishes me and the diocese to understand:

1. Father Buck's actions have greatly damaged his entire family.
2. It is hard for him to trust priests [REDACTED] (Dan's fellow owners).
 - They were rude to [REDACTED] who stopped to see if Dan was at the house when she saw his car there.
 - They showed her no respect – treated her like dirt. "It's none of your business if Dan is here".
3. Dan's presence at the house would be a huge problem for the whole family.
4. [REDACTED] wants the diocese to know:
 - They don't trust Dan.
 - They would be frightened for all the kids ([REDACTED] children have [REDACTED] grandchildren who would be visiting Grandmother.

[REDACTED] wants us to be sure to understand:

- [REDACTED] one of the abused, who lives in [REDACTED] wants her voice to be heard in any discussions of a possible relaxation of Dan's prohibition.
- The other woman, [REDACTED] is also concerned.

I assured [REDACTED] I would be willing to speak with either woman if either desired. He should check with them and let me know.

I would not surprise them with a modification of the prohibition without notice.

This is just the beginning of a process to see if an accommodation can be reached.

I raised the possibility of a supervised 1 day a week arrangement – he was NOT happy.

But I pointed out that

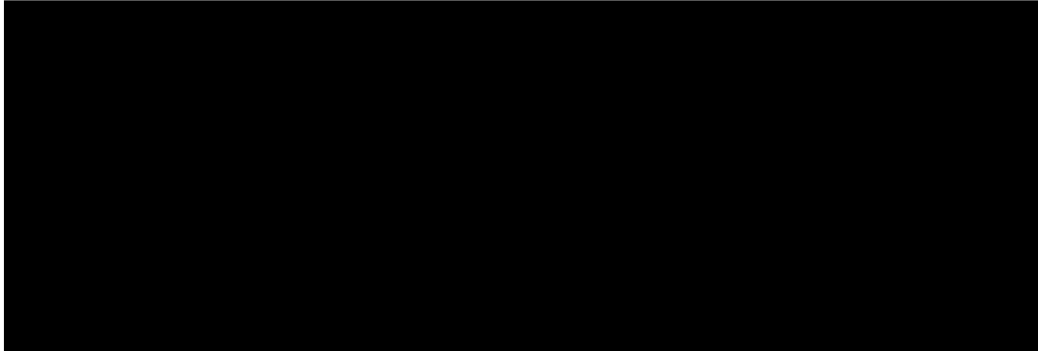
- The diocese has limited ability to constrain
- If Dan resigned the priesthood he could legally move in there on a full time basis
- We are attempting to reach an accommodation.

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Re: [REDACTED]
Date: 11/21/05

EG

Dan Buck is very anxious to be allowed to return to his summer place.

He has presented a suggested basis for negotiation with [REDACTED] I will go to her home tomorrow (11/22/05) and look over the physical situation.



- At least when he speaks with me, Dan approaches this as “Property Rights” matter.
- He attempts to narrow the focus to himself and Mrs. [REDACTED]
- His attempts at being accommodating is to speak in terms of remaining inside the house when Mrs. [REDACTED] grandchildren would be around, or, absenting himself when his accusers are around.
- He either does not understand, or wishes to gloss over the emotional and familial reality.
 1. The accusers mother, siblings and, I would guess, their [REDACTED] believe Dan did abuse the girls,
 2. are angry about it.
 3. are worried about danger to kids who are about from time to time
 4. don’t necessarily trust the other priests as monitors
 5. are angry that [REDACTED] who investigated Dan’s appearance at the house was rudely and insensitively treated.

From: [REDACTED]
To: <egrace@archchicago.org>
Date: 12/16/2005 11:20:34 PM
Subject: letter to Fr. Grace

Here is the letter from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] could you please send this on to Leah and Myra, I don't have their email on this computer. Thanks.

CC: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter, dated December 17, 2005, addressed to Father Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago, written by Victim IM asking Fr. Grace to find an alternative place for Fr. Daniel Buck to retire, rather than the lake house that he co-owns with other priests near Victim IM's mother's home. Victim IM does not want Fr. Buck living near children or his alleged victims and their families.

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter, postmarked December 21, 2005, addressed to Father Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago, written by a cousin of Victim IL and Victim IM, asking Fr. Grace to find an alternative place for Fr. Daniel Buck to retire, rather than the lake house that he co-owns with other priests near her home.

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Date: Dec. 27, 2005

EG

Today I received a letter from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ms [REDACTED] opposes Buck's return.

- She expresses fear for the many family children ([REDACTED]) who are around in the summer.
- She alluded, in a non-threatening manner, to a possible tax-exempt status of the Buck house. I doubt this but will ask John O'Malley to check.

12/29/05

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Rolls.

From: Edward Grace
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: letter to Fr. Grace

December 27, 2005

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

My name is Father Edward Grace; I am a Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I am writing in response to your email dated December 17, 2005. Thank you for taking the time to directly share your thoughts on this matter with me. Your brother [REDACTED] and Sister [REDACTED], and recently [REDACTED] have all spoken clearly on this matter, but I also want to hear from you.

Please accept my sincere expression of sorrow and regret over the abuse you and your sister [REDACTED] sustained from a priest. [REDACTED] it both angers and saddens me that you and your sister were abused in your own home by a priest guest.

I think I should address some of the concerns expressed in your email:

First of all, I wish to assure you that Dan Buck remains removed from ministry and living in a monitored setting. He remains subject to a monitoring protocol which includes a prohibition from being alone with minors under the age of 18 without the presence of another responsible adult. This protocol remains under the administration of Leah McCluskey, Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility. I must also, however, point out that our ability to coerce Dan Buck's compliance with our restrictions is limited. We can apply coercive measures as a condition for his continuing in a relationship with the Archdiocese. But we are not the Police or the Judiciary. He can, if he chooses, resign from the Priesthood and go where he pleases. It is because of this unpleasant reality that I am exploring the possibility of some sort of accommodation between the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] families and Dan Buck lest he do something even less palatable about his living arrangements.

Secondly, I emphasize that what I am doing is exploring possibilities. I hope to listen to all involved who wish to comment, realizing that those central to the discussion are you and your sister [REDACTED]

Thirdly, I assure you that both Leah and Mayra will be involved in this exploration. I very much value their professionalism and insight into these dreadful matters. I did, in fact, forward your email to Leah McCluskey and Mayra Flores when I received it December 17th. I do not seek to undo Leah's good work nor do I belittle the suffering you and your sister have experienced.

Finally, I will share your letter, [REDACTED]'s letter, post marked 12/21/05, and my memorandum of the meeting I had with your Mother and your sister [REDACTED] in November with Cardinal George.

On a slightly different note, Mayra has been out of the office on medical leave since the end of November. She is doing well and is expected back on January 9th.

I hope that you and your family enjoyed a holy and Merry Christmas and that 2006 will be filled with God's blessing and happiness.

Feel free to contact me at any time with your concerns.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Grace,
Vicar for Priests.

>>> [REDACTED] 12/16/2005 11:18 PM >>>
Here is the letter from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could you please
send this on to Leah and Myra, I don't have their email on this computer.
Thanks.

CC: Flores, Mayra; McCluskey, Leah

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter written by Victim IL, addressed to Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and dated January 8, 2006, in which Victim IL expresses her wish that she and her sister, Victim IM, have a say in the decision regarding Fr. Daniel Buck's requests to visit his lake home near the home of Victim IL's and Victim IM's mother.

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Re: Buck Summer Residence
Date: 1/25/06



This P.M. I spoke with [REDACTED] on the phone. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1st I clarified for her that the Buck house was in fact on the tax rolls and has been for at least five years.

2nd I reiterated that I was not seeking to foist Buck on the [REDACTED]s but rather I was seeking the least difficult solution for all concerned.

3rd I repeated that we lacked police or juridical power and I was seeking the least difficult resolution to the dilemma of buck's use of his vacation home.

4th [REDACTED] repeated her strong opposition to Buck's presence at the home.

5th Apparently the [REDACTED]s had not objected to his presence before they knew it was their cousins who had been the victims.

6th However, having learned that their cousins, who are also neighbors of the Buck's, were victims, they feel the victims should not have to be confronted with their abusers (Buck's) presence when using their summer home or visiting their family.

7th I asked [REDACTED] to remember me to her mother, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] indicated her mother would be in contact when she returns from [REDACTED] in the spring.

TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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JAN 31 2006

Rev. Daniel P. Buck (#1) [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from [redacted]

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3 Feb 2006 [departure date] through 4 Feb 2006 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by [redacted] (#2) [name of travel monitor]. #2 [name of travel monitor]

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

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of an original document from the files of

[see attached correspondence]

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1. Contacts with minors by #1 [name of cleric] in the presence of #2 [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate contacts and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. #2 [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of #1 [cleric name] over See Above [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to #1 [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for See Above [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 31 Jan 2006

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/31/06

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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To	Leah McGloskey	From	Rev. D. Buck		
Co./Dept.	Arch. of Chi.	Co.	C.S.R.H.		
Phone #	312-751-5205	Phone #	847 566-6085		
Fax #	312 751-5279	Fax #	847 566-6082		

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT- CHANCERY DIVISION

Mother Doe 100, individually and as
representative of the minor John Doe 100,
on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated, [REDACTED]

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Plaintiffs,

vs.

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The Archdiocese of Chicago d/b/a The Catholic
Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole,

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their attorneys, JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES and KERNS, PITROF, FROST & PEARLMAN, to obtain declaratory and injunctive relief against Defendant, states as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This Complaint seeks declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Archdiocese of Chicago has established a policy of harboring and protecting suspected child molesting agents, thereby endangering numerous children in Illinois. The Archdiocese has information about a number of suspected child molesting agents that it has never disclosed to law enforcement or the public at large, thereby causing children such as John Doe 100 to be harmed. Further, on information and belief, the Archdiocese has a policy and

practice of document destruction. This declaratory relief and injunction action seeks to have the Archdiocese produce all documents regarding the molestation of children by its agents for court supervision, to release the names of all agents accused of molesting children to the court and to the public, and to enjoin the Archdiocese from destroying any documents regarding suspected childhood sexual abuse by its agents.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action because it seeks to redress violations of the plaintiffs' rights and to protect children in Illinois that are in imminent danger. Venue is proper because the Archdiocese resides in Cook County and the majority of the allegations herein involve occurrences in Cook County.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff John Doe 100 is a minor. Mother Doe 100 is John Doe 100's mother and legal guardian. At all times material, Plaintiff John Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois. At all times material, Mother Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois.

4. The identities of all Doe Plaintiffs are made known to Defendants through separate cover letter.

5. Plaintiff [REDACTED] is a thirty five year old Chicago resident. [REDACTED] was sexually molested as a child by [REDACTED] a religious order priest who was serving at a parish within the Archdiocese at the time of the abuse.

6. At all times material, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole (hereinafter "Archdiocese of Chicago") was and is an Illinois corporation. Defendant has approximately eight hundred fifty four Diocesan priests serving in two counties in the State of

Illinois. At all times material to the complaint, Defendant Archdiocese was conducting business in the State of Illinois.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

7. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-801, as the representatives of the class of persons who have been molested as children by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago and on behalf of those children who have not yet been abused, but who are in imminent danger of abuse because the Archdiocese has not released the names and files of agents that have been accused of molesting children or accused of inappropriate sexual behavior with children to either the public or to the court.

8. The Plaintiff class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. In its own self report, the Archdiocese asserted that there were 142 cases where they had reason to suspect that an agent had sexually molested a child. These numbers only include information that was reported to the Archdiocese. The underlying data for the results was not disclosed to the public.

9. There are questions of fact or law common to the class, which predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The common questions of law or fact include, but are not limited to: whether the Archdiocese of Chicago has failed to protect children by not releasing the names of its agents who have been accused of molesting children to the public and law enforcement and whether the Archdiocese has or is destructing documents in order to cover up or conceal crimes against children by clergy serving in and/or employed by the Archdiocese.

10. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. The interests of the plaintiffs are the same as those of all class members because they have all been

sexually abused by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago or are in danger of being molested by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago because the Archdiocese's information is not public. All have an interest in preventing the sexual abuse of any further children by agents of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

11. A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged in this complaint. The expense and burden of individual litigation would make it difficult or impossible for individual members of the class to redress the wrongs done to them. The cost to the court system of adjudication of such individualized litigation would be substantial. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents far fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and court system, and protects the rights of each class member. In addition, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the defendant.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

12. [REDACTED] (hereinafter "[REDACTED]") was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in approximately 1994.

13. At all times material, [REDACTED] was employed by the Archdiocese. [REDACTED] was an ordained Roman Catholic Priest educated, trained and ordained by, and under the direct supervision, employ, agency and control of the Archdiocese. Among [REDACTED] duties in his employment was to provide pastoral care and counseling for

members of his denomination.

14. In approximately the winter of 2000, a nun at Holy Family Church in Chicago reported to the Archdiocese of Chicago that [REDACTED] asked a fourth-grade boy to pull down his pants in the sacristy at Holy Family.

15. The nun reported this numerous times to the Archdiocese.

16. On information and belief, on one occasion when the nun reported it to the Archdiocese, an official told her that "if the parents aren't pushing it, let it go."

17. After these reports, the nun made a final report to the Archdiocese, this one a written report of [REDACTED] behavior.

18. On information and belief, in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report [REDACTED] to law enforcement, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes [REDACTED] worked at in the past about the report, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes where [REDACTED] worked after these reports, and did not tell any other children or parents about the report.

19. On information and belief, after the nun reported the abuse to the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese transferred [REDACTED] to another parish, St. Agatha's in Chicago.

20. On information and belief, despite the report, the Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to teach at an Archdiocesan school and coach a boys basketball team.

21. In response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops passed the Dallas Charter.

22. On information and belief the Bishops passed the Dallas Charter in 2002. The Charter was only enforced, if at all, from within. There was no meaningful external non church

oversight over its enforcement.

23. Cardinal Francis George represented to the public that the Charter was a "zero tolerance" policy that committed them to removal of priests in childhood sexual abuse cases. He also represented to the public that a priest with even one act of sexual misconduct with a child should not be allowed in public ministry in order to protect children.

24. In January of 2003, the Archdiocese released a "Ten Year Report" that purported to give information about the Archdiocese's efforts to stop childhood sexual abuse by clerics in the previous ten years.

25. On information and belief, the Ten Year Report purports to give the current status of priests that were accused of molesting a child anytime from 1993 to 2003. The report indicates that no priest accused of abuse during that time period is in any form of ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

26. The Ten Year Report also states that officials of the Archdiocese have reported all allegations, including those not deemed credible, to the appropriate public authorities.

27. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the Ten Year Report.

28. Also in response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops agreed to participate in a self report survey conducted by the John Jay College.

29. As part of the John Jay survey, each Diocese submitted the number of priests that had allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor within the particular Diocese.

30. On information and belief there was no oversight over the information that was

given to the John Jay College. It was completely up to the particular Diocese to respond honestly.

31. The John Jay College defined "allegation," as all recorded notifications of clerical sexual misconduct with minors, whether or not they resulted in any investigation or whether there was reasonable cause to suspect abuse had occurred.

32. In 2004, the Archdiocese reported that it had reason to believe that 55 priests had sexual misconduct with a minor.

33. In 2004, Cardinal George and the Archdiocese represented to the public that there were no priests that were accused of childhood sexual abuse that were in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

34. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the 2004 John Jay numbers.

35. On information and belief in August of 2005, the Archdiocese learned that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

36. On information and belief, in August of 2005, the Archdiocese did not inform the law enforcement that a nun had reported that [REDACTED] had acted in a sexually inappropriate manner with a child in 2000.

37. On information and belief, just as it did in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report or warn any of the parishioners, the public, or the parents at St. Agatha parish that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

38. On information and belief, the Archdiocese elevated [REDACTED] to a position of authority in the Archdiocese on September 1, 2005. It appointed him as Dean of a Deanery of

the Archdiocese. This is an honored, respected, and supervisory position within the Archdiocese. This meant that [REDACTED] was still at St. Agathas, but also had some supervisory authority over roughly 20 parishes in the Archdiocese.

39. The Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to remain at St. Agathas and in the position of Dean until at least January of 2006, more four months after the Archdiocese received at least its second report of sexual misconduct against a minor by [REDACTED]

40. In January of 2006, Chicago law enforcement arrested [REDACTED] and charged him with sexually molesting two boys on multiple occasions.

41. On information and belief, the nun who reported the abuse to the Archdiocese in 2000 was contacted by the Archdiocese the day before [REDACTED] was arrested. The Archdiocese indicated to the nun that it did not have the nun's letter.

42. On information and belief, the Archdiocese also stated publicly that it has no written record of the nun's reports or the actual letter.

43. On information and belief, the Archdioceses and Dioceses across the United States, including the Archdiocese of Chicago, have been instructed to destroy documentation of sexual misconduct by priests and/or to send any of this material to the Holy See in order to claim it is immune from public discovery or disclosure.

44. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has not released the names of the 55 priests that it deemed as having reason to suspect committed sexual misconduct with children.

45. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has also not released the names of any of the other clerics, like [REDACTED], who were accused of sexual misconduct and are still in parishes, but not included in the Ten Year Report or the John Jay Survey.

46. Although the Archdiocese had not released the names of offenders, some names of Archdiocesan clerics accused of sexual misconduct have been released during the course of litigation. These names were released in 2005:

- 1) Richard "Doc" Bartz
- 2) Robert Becker
- 3) R. Peter Bowman
- 4) Daniel Buck
- 5) Eugene Burns
- 6) John Callicott
- 7) William Cloutier
- 8) Robert D. Craig
- 9) John Curran
- 10) Walter DeRoeck
- 11) Jeremiah Duggan
- 12) Richard Fassbinder
- 13) Joseph Fitzharris
- 14) Robert Frieze
- 15) James Hagan
- 16) Daniel Mark Holihan
- 17) Walter Huppenbauer
- 18) Thomas Job
- 19) Robert Kealy

- 20) John Keehan
- 21) Thomas Kelly
- 22) John "Jack" Keough
- 23) Joseph Kissane
- 24) Leonard Kmak
- 25) William Lupo
- 26) Norbert Maday
- 27) Robert Mayer
- 28) Vincent McCaffrey
- 29) Donald Mulsoff
- 30) Thomas O'Gorman
- 31) James Ray
- 32) John Robinson
- 33) Kenneth Ruge
- 34) Raymond Skriba
- 35) Marion Snieg
- 36) Victor Stewart
- 37) Ralph Strand
- 38) Thomas Swade
- 39) Anthony Vader

47. Names that have not previously been released but who, on information and belief, have been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor:

1) James Flosi

48. There are also a number of religious order priests who worked in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese had control and/or supervision over these clerics while they were working in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese knows about these clerics' misconduct. On information and belief, those religious order clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct are:

- 1) Robert Berlet (Christian Brothers)
- 2) Robert Brouillette (Christian Brothers)
- 3) Vincent Bryce (Dominicans)
- 4) George Dyer (Dominicans)
- 5) Terrence Fitzmaurice (Benedictines)
- 6) John Huels (Servite)
- 7) Augustine Jones (Benedictines)
- 8) Donald McGuire (Jesuits)
- 9) John Murphy (Augustinians)
- 10) Robert Murphy (Camelites)
- 11) Michael O'Connor (Augustinians)
- 12) Jean Baptiste (J.B.) Ormechea (Passionists)
- 13) Eusebio Pantoja (Claretians)
- 14) Thomas Paramo (Claretians)
- 15) Carlos Peralta (Salesians)
- 16) John Powell (Jesuits)

17) Andrew Ronan (Servites)

18) Wilton Skiffington (Jesuits)

19) Patrick Strong (Augustinians)

49. [REDACTED] sexually molested John Doe 100 at some point between approximately 2000 and 2005, when John Doe 100 was a minor child.

50. Neither John Doe 100 nor Mother Doe 100 knew that the Archdiocese had received reports about [REDACTED] sexual abuse of children.

COUNT I
(Injunction - Release of Names)

51. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count I.

52. Plaintiffs bring Count I on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

53. The practices of the Archdiocese of Chicago have endangered numerous children in the past and these practices will continue to put children at risk in the future.

54. Plaintiffs and the class have the right to not be sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

55. The Archdiocese owes a duty to warn all children and their parents that come into contact with its clerics of allegations of sexual misconduct by the clerics because these children and their parents hold clerics in an esteemed position, which gives clerics virtually unlimited access to children.

56. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics against whom the Archdiocese has deemed to have credible allegations of

sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

57. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

58. Unless injunctive relief is granted numerous children in Illinois are at risk of being sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese.

59. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Release the names of all 55 of the priests that it reported to the John Jay Survey to the court and to the public.
- b) Release the names of all other clerics, like [REDACTED], that were not included in the John Jay Survey, but against whom the Archdiocese has received allegations of sexual misconduct by the cleric with children to the court and to the public.

COUNT II
(Injunction - Documents)

60. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count II.

61. Plaintiffs bring Count II on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

62. On information and belief, the Archdiocese still has documents that are evidence of crimes committed by clerics against children.

63. The Archdiocese has a duty to the public at large and to law enforcement to not

destroy any documents that evidence a crime.

64. The Archdiocese has a duty to children that were abused by clerics to not destroy any documents relating to the sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct of any cleric at anytime in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

65. On information and belief the Archdiocese has destroyed documents and/or concealed documents and/or failed to give documents to law enforcement relating to sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct by clerics of the Archdiocese.

66. Unless injunctive relief is granted, children will be at imminent risk of being molested by clerics of the Archdiocese, law enforcement will be prevented from doing its job, and those children that have already been molested by clerics will have their rights negatively affected.

67. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to the Illinois Courts for supervision of these documents.
- b) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to law enforcement.
- c) Cease in the destruction or spoliation of any documents with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.
- d) Cease to conceal or misplace any documents with any connection to any

allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.

COUNT III
(Declaratory Judgment)

68. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count III.

69. Plaintiffs bring Count III on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

70. There is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of not releasing the names of those clerics that have been accused of molesting children.

71. There is also an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practice of not removing a cleric that is accused of molesting a child from any position where the cleric has any contact with children.

72. Finally, there is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of destroying and/or concealing documents evidencing allegations of sexual misconduct by clerics.

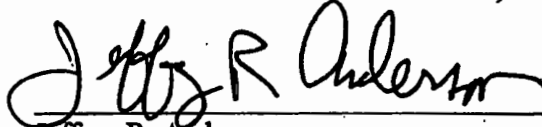
73. The plaintiffs and members of the plaintiff class are entitled to a declaration that the Archdiocesan practices of not releasing the names of clerics accused of sexual misconduct with minors, not removing clerics that are accused of sexual misconduct with children from positions where they have access to children, and by destroying and/or concealing documents, is

not adequate to protect children.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant the relief requested within this complaint or any other relief the Court deems just in order to protect children.

Dated: January 31, 2006

JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES, P.A.



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March 29, 2006

Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D.
Our Lady, Star of the Sea
467 Fairford
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236

Dear Fr. Bittner,

Enclosed you will find a packet of information released by the Archdiocese of Chicago on Monday, March 21, 2006. This information was also provided your client, Fr. Daniel Buck at Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.

If you have any questions please direct them directly to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

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March 28, 2006

Mr. Patrick Reardon
221 N. LaSalle St.
Suite 1938
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Reardon,

Enclosed you will find a packet of information released by the Archdiocese of Chicago on Monday, March 21, 2006. This information was also provided your clients at Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Here are the names of your clients:

1. Rev. Daniel Buck ✓
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]

If you have any questions please direct them directly to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

AOC 009279

From: Jimmy Lago
To: Grace, Edward
Date: 4/3/2006 4:06:19 PM
Subject: Re: Ad Hoc Committee on the consultants' reports

Ed, thanks for the info from Fr. Buck. I will take that under advisement and consult with some of the members. What I don't want to reopen is whether there was misconduct or argue with someone as to how severe it was.

jml

>>> Edward Grace 4/3/2006 2:08 PM >>>
April 3, 2006

Jimmy,

Fr. Dan Buck stated to me that he would like to volunteer to be a member of the ad hoc committee you have put together to advise on the Childers and Defenbaugh reports. Failing in that, he would like to address the committee at some time. His expressed rationale is that it would be beneficial for the committee to hear from the men affected by the decisions taken. The men affected also feel it would be appropriate for their opinions to be heard.

Ed Grace

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April 3, 2006

Rev. Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, Illinois 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck,

I want to thank you again for meeting with Revs. Vincent Costello and Edward Grace and myself at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on March 22, 2006 to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on March 22nd, I am returning the ISP and the related forms that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your canonical advocate and civil attorney as well. I ask that you review and discuss the ISP with your counsel and then return the signed protocol to me no later than April 17, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Grace at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey", written over the typed name and title.

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., canonical advocate
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Rev. Daniel P. Buck (#1) [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
 27 Grove St, Minneapolis, MN 55401
 612 379-3 [redacted] [destination address and contact phone number] from

5 April 2006 [departure date] through 9 April 2006 [return date].

#1 [name of cleric] will be monitored by
 Bro. [redacted] (#2) [name of travel monitor]. #2 [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned of an original document from the files of
 [see attached correspondence] OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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1. Contacts with minors by #1 [name of cleric] must be in the presence of #2 [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. #2 [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of #1 [cleric name] over
 See Above [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to #1's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for See Above [aforementioned return date].
 However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 9 Mar 2006

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/13/06

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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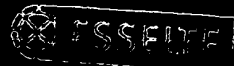
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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS
For

Rev. Daniel Buck

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The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of promoting the safety of minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA). The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for Rev. Daniel Buck is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. The client is restricted from being alone with a minor or minors, that is anyone under the age of 18, without the presence of another responsible adult.

2.

3.

4. ☒ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it identifies time periods, it is intended to provide a general record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-site activity, please include your destination and the general purpose of the visit or activity. For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping at a given Shopping Center rather than the details of each individual store. However, if your self-description is challenged or a complaint is lodged with the Archdiocese, some documentation and verification may be necessary to sufficiently address the situation.

5. ☒ Abide by the assignment of residence to Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

6. W Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure. In the event of a prolonged stay in a particular location, the Archdiocese is required to notify the Ordinary of that place of your presence there.
7. N/A Attendance at a recommended support group _____ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of _____ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
8. No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* apply as they do to all Archdiocesan personnel. *Fr. Buck does not own a computer.*
9. No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests. *Fr. Buck expressed issues/concerns w/ this - has spoken to VP (Rev. Ed Grady).*
10. Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. On-site visits by the PRA and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric. Also, there can be additional, written notations tailored to the needs of a specific situation which are signed by all parties and appended to this document. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the Professional Responsibility Review Board. At the discretion of any of the parties, the legal and/or canonical counsel of the cleric may be involved in the discussions.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 17 Apr 2006

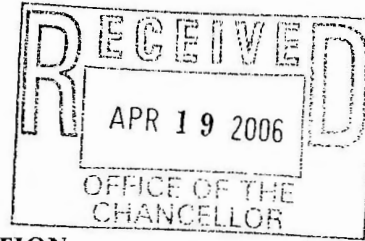
Printed Name: Rev. Daniel P. Buck *Signed under Duress - See Accompanying Letter*

Signature of PRA: [Signature] Date: 4/21/06

Signature of VP: Edward J. Grady Date: 4/24/06

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☒ no ☐

(Revised 1/XII/04)



SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
Name:	Rev. Daniel Buck	[REDACTED]
Address:	Cardinal Stritch Retreat House Mundelein, IL	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]	
Current age:	60	
Name of civil attorney:	Patrick Reardon	N/A

Date of Ordination [of accused]: 5/12/71

Location: Mundelein

Age at ordination: 26

Assignment location of accused: N/A

Status of accused: Withdrawn from ministry

Name of canonical advocate: Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D.

Date allegation received by PRA: 8/8/95

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 12/7/95

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1981

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: more than one

Brief summary of alleged abuse: initially touching over clothes, later touching under clothes; [REDACTED] was in her early and mid teens at the time of the abuse

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 6/19/95; Fr. Buck admitted inappropriate sexual contact

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: Supplementary Review on 5/23/02—reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct took place, therefore a substantiated allegation

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth:

Current age:

Name of civil attorney: N/A

Date allegation received by PRA: 6/24/02

Date allegation formalized with PRA:

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1980/1981

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1980/1981

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: one

Brief summary of alleged abuse: Mother of [REDACTED] alleges Buck put his hand under the back of [REDACTED] blouse and gave her a back rub. [REDACTED] was 12 years old at the time. PFRA invited [REDACTED] to come forward with allegation. [REDACTED] declined to meet with PFRA [Professional Fitness Review Administrator, now Professional Responsibility Administrator].

Brief summary and date of response from accused: no response by Fr. Buck, as no formal allegation was ever received from [REDACTED]

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: N/A

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: 41

Name of civil attorney: [REDACTED]

Date allegation received by PRA: 9/13/02

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 9/27/02

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1972

Date of last incident of alleged abuse: 1977

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: several

Brief summary of alleged abuse: 1972-1977, age 8-13, fondling of chest and genitals, backrubs. Mother [REDACTED] has confronted Fr. Buck who, she says, admitted to fondling of [REDACTED]. She also stated that her mother said that Buck stated he could not be prosecuted because he is protected by the statute of limitations.

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 9/30/02; Fr. Buck denied the entire allegation

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: Concluded 7/03; reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

Name of accuser: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Current age: 42

Name of civil attorney: [REDACTED]

Date allegation received by PRA: 9/16/02

Date allegation formalized with PRA: 4/11/03

Date of initial incident of alleged abuse: 1973

Date of last incident of alleged abuse:

Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse: several

Brief summary of alleged abuse: [REDACTED] sister of victim, alleges abuse (fondling of chest and genitals, backrub) by Buck [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Mother [REDACTED] has confronted Buck who, she says, admitted to fondling of [REDACTED]. She also stated that her mother said that Buck stated he could not be prosecuted because he is protected by the statute of limitations.

Brief summary and date of response from accused: 5/12/03; Fr. Buck denied the entire allegation

Stage of disposition by Professional Responsibility Review Board: Concluded 7/03; reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred

Additional allegations made by accuser: None

Signature of PRA:



Date: 4/13/06

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April 27, 2006

Rev. Daniel Buck
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, Illinois 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of your current completed and signed Individual Specific Protocol. Please note that copies of this document have also been sent to your canonical advocate, civil attorney, Vicar for Priests, and to your on-site monitor Deacon Richard Hudzik.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests ✓
Deacon Richard Hudzik, On-site Monitor
Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., Canonical Advocate
Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney

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From: Edward Grace
To: McCluskey, Leah
Subject: Re: Buck Salary Question

July 17, 2006

Leah,

upon scrounging through my Buck file, which I happen to have had returned from archives, I found the following:

In a letter dated March 8, 2005 signed by you and Kaz, Buck's deduction from salary was raised from 10% to 20% because he had gone to his house in Ingleside contrary to the provisions of his preliminary decree.

August 3, 2005 the Cardinal et al went to the Retreat House to present the final decree to Buck and the others. The Decree presented to Buck recited that his salary would be that of an associate less 10%

Buck pointed this out and asked that we clarify this with Fr. Laggas, who wrote the Decree. Pat agreed that his intent was a reduction of 10% - not the 20% that had been in effect since the since March 3, 2005.

I will inform Carol Fowler and Pat Vander Plow of this and have Buck's salary restored to Associate less 10%.

Ed

>>> Leah McCluskey 7/17/2006 1:43 PM >>>
Fr. Grace,

I did get your message about Dan Buck's salary. I am not certain of the percentage of deduction--I would suggest looking at the last decree, probably some time before the August 2005 meeting that FEG had with all of the men withdrawn who reside at CSRH. Let me know if you don't have the decree, and I can ask Laura to check our files.

Leah

TRAVEL/VACATION

NOTE: This form must be submitted to PR/
In event of an emergency need, contact PR.

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To	Ms. Leah McCluskey	From	Rev. Daniel Buck		
Co./Dept.	O. P. R.	Co.	C. S. R. H.		
Phone #	312 751-5205	Phone #	847 566-6082		
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Rev. Daniel P. Buck (#1)
[name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to
Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza 300 J Street
Sacramento California 95816-0100 [destination address and contact phone number] from

3 Nov 2006 [departure date] through 16 Nov 2006 [return date].
#1

[name of cleric] will be chaperoned by
Bro. [redacted] (#2) [name of chaperone]. #2 [name of

chaperone] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

#1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by #1 [name of cleric] must be in the presence of #2 [name of chaperone] if appropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be attended.
2. #2 [name of chaperone] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of #1 [cleric name] over

See Above [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to #1's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for See Above [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 8 Sep 2006

PRA Signature: Leah McCluskey Date: 9/11/06

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 3/21/06

From: Rev. Daniel P. Buck 20 Sep 2006 To: Ms. Leah McCluskey
 847 566-6095 312 751-5205
 Fax 847 566-6092 TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION Fax 312 751-5279

NOTE: This form must be submitted to PRA three weeks prior to planned departure
 In event of an emergency need, contact PRA or Vicar for Priests to discuss travel

Rev. Daniel Buck (#1) [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

[destination address and contact phone number] from 14 Oct 2006 [departure date]

through 16 Oct 2006 [return date]. #1 [name of cleric]

will be chaperoned by Br. [redacted] (#2) [name of chaperone]. PRA may contact

the chaperone at the following phone number prior to departure [redacted] The

identified chaperone has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and

activities of #1 [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time

frame.

1. Contacts with minors by #1 [name of cleric] must be in the presence of the identified chaperone. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. The identified chaperone may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of #1 [cleric name] over the aforementioned time period of travel.

3. As previously noted, the date of return to #1's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for See Above [aforementioned return date].
 However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 20 Sep 2006

PRA Signature: Leah McCluskey Date: 10/4/06

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 3/27/06

September 22, 2006

Rev. Edward Grace
Vicar of Priests Office
645 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 543
Chicago Illinois 60611

Dear Fr. Grace:

As you know, in October of 2005 you received a document containing "Notes on Negotiations Concerning Rigel VI Inc.", the [REDACTED] home owned by three classmates and myself. This document, drawn up in August, 2005, had previously been perused and approved by Rev. Kenneth Kaucke, my canonical advocate, and Rev. Patrick Lagges, Chicago's Judicial Vicar. I submitted this proposal for negotiations in response to Francis Cardinal George's admonition contained in his decree of July 2005: "I encourage (Fr. Buck) to work for an equitable solution to this matter, in which case this prohibition may be lifted." Perhaps naively, my canon lawyer and I felt that these words indicated a willingness on the part of the Archdiocese to support a compromise which would achieve, at least partially, the goals of all concerned parties.

After significant time had passed without me hearing from you, I contacted you at your office. You expressed extreme negativity over the possibility of any compromise, but eventually agreed to a meeting with my classmates and me to discuss the details of our proposal. That meeting took place at your office on March 15, 2006. We presented tactics which would eliminate the possibility of any contact between me and my false accusers and any children belonging to their extended families. We also showed how contact could be minimized with the few family members who actually live in [REDACTED]. We urged the appointment of an independent negotiator who would attempt to balance the goals and desires of the Archdiocese, the family, and ourselves. Your response was perplexing. While you readily agreed that neither this family nor the Archdiocese has any legal basis to restrict my access to my property since I, of course, have never been convicted of anything, you dismissed as inconsequential any question of legal or moral rights. The overriding factor for you was the anger of this family toward me and my classmates. You also alluded to the family's implied or stated threat to alert the press to the situation. The remote possibility of media involvement in this controversy is of no great concern to me, since, sensationalism aside, I am clearly in the right. Additionally, the Archdiocese could quickly short-circuit any news story by stating, quite truthfully, that continued restrictions on my movements cannot be justified since, even if I were guilty of these outrageous 30-plus-year-old charges, there is abundant evidence that I currently present no danger whatsoever to minors. Unfortunately, because the Archdiocese has decided my guilt without benefit of evidence, witnesses,

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proof, or judicial process, it has painted itself into an untenable corner.

In spite of your reluctance, my classmates and I convinced you to proceed with the process. You said you would call me to further refine the details. After another extended period of no communication, I called you. I admit that the memory of that phone conversation is still painful to me because I struggled, unsuccessfully, to control my anger and frustration. At one point I even suggested a face-to-face meeting between me and one or both of my false accusers as a possible start to the healing that is so needed in this situation. Like so many of my other suggestions, you dismissed this one since you, like my archbishop, are certain of my guilt. The upshot of this conversation was your promise to set up a meeting between you and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in order to see whether there was any openness to further discussion. While I was somewhat bewildered over the inclusion of Mrs. [REDACTED] in this process, I was buoyed up by her consistent support, expressed to me in the past and to my classmates more recently. At the end of our conversation you promised to contact me with the results of your meeting.

As of this date, I have received no communication from you. I find it hard to believe that during the past several months you have been unable to have the meeting with Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] since they've been living a few hundred feet apart all summer. I also don't want to believe that you felt the results of the meeting too unimportant to share with my classmates and me.

At this point I am reluctantly beginning to accept the truth of what my friends have been telling me for a long time: that the archdiocese, because of its fear of pressure groups and the press, will not lift a finger to see that justice is done or the gospel is defended. Barbara Blaine and her band of lawyers have triumphed beyond her wildest dreams.

We have placed our home of 34 years up for sale, and we are currently looking for a comparable replacement house. This is proving as difficult as we predicted. Interestingly, during the summer Mrs. [REDACTED] told one of my classmates that one of her daughters wants to buy our house. Aside from the question of how she was aware we might choose to sell, I can now understand an unexpected motive for her new-found reluctance to speak on my behalf, as well as another motive for the original false accusations. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Now they are taking advantage of the archdiocese's cowardice to advance their plan. Needless to say we will do our best to sell our home to someone else, but if we are forced to sell to these evil people, we will do so for top dollar. It will provide some satisfaction

to recover a substantial portion of the money this family extorted from the archdiocese in their undeserved settlement.

Fr. Grace, at our meeting you assured my classmates and me that this family and the archdiocese would have no problem with my presence at my home if it was for the purpose of moving out. I take you at your word, and I need your notification that I can now begin the process of packing. As you know, I have more valuables at my house than my three housemates combined. The dismantling and careful packing of my model railroad alone will take many days. Additionally, since I am the only member of our group who is involuntarily unemployed, and since I live much closer to the house than the others, I will have to spend substantial time in the moving process. I ask you to inform our neighbors to expect my presence; because at this time of year as always there are no children anywhere in the vicinity, I trust there will be no objection. Also, please inform Ms. McCluskey of my changed situation; I can ill afford another arbitrary reduction in pay.

My classmates have urged me to ask for your guarantee in writing that this relocation will put an end to archdiocesan harrassment concerning our place of relaxation and retreat. We are reluctantly willing to move once; we will not move again.

There is great urgency in this request. I look forward to your response at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc. Francis Cardinal George
Rev. Patrick Lagges
Rev. Kenneth Kauchek
Ms. Leah McCluskey
Rev. Mark Canavan
Rev. Daniel Jarosewic
Rev. Thomas Moran

September 25, 2006

Rev. Joseph Jackson
St. Ignatius Parish
6559 N. Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60626

Dear Fr. Jackson:

I presume you remember the ugly situation that unfolded on Saturday, December 3, 2005, a date I will never forget. At literally the last moment I was informed by Vicar of Priests Fr. Edward Grace that he was forbidding me from singing in the chorus in your annual Messiah performance. This was totally unexpected because the archdiocese was fully aware of my participation in the Messiah choir for the previous two years, and was also informed about the month of rehearsals leading up to the 2005 concert. Since this was clearly a split-second decision on the part of Fr. Grace, I challenged him to present the matter for review by higher archdiocesan authorities. I also appealed the legitimacy of the decision to Judicial Vicar Fr. Patrick Lagges. Both men assured me that the situation would be analyzed by the council of the Cardinal's advisors.

Well here it is ten months later and I have heard nothing. If any further discussions occurred, I am unaware of their outcome, if any. I'm afraid this is typical of the communication, or lack of it, between the archdiocese and those priests it wants to pretend don't exist. Policies are promulgated on the fly, not based on fairness or Gospel values, but out of fear of pressure groups and the press. Barbara Blaine has realized her wildest dreams.

You might be interested in some of my activities since December 2005. I've sung at such diverse locations as St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn; St. Mark Episcopal Church in Evanston; the Pickwick Theatre, Park Ridge; Holy Innocents Church in Chicago; and St. James Episcopal Cathedral. Just a week ago I joined a group of lawyers and judges in the Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra's 20th Anniversary concert presentation of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in the Grand Ballroom of Navy Pier. Even though the media covered the concert, nobody had any interest in the priest in the tenor section. In the coming months I will be back at Holy Innocents and the Pickwick in addition to St. David Anglican Church in Glenview, St. Barbara in Bridgeport, St. Vincent Ferrer in River Forest, and possibly Holy Family on Roosevelt Road and St. Joseph in Wilmette. All of these musical endeavors have been, and continue to be, reported to archdiocesan authorities by means of the demeaning daily logs we leper priests are required to submit.

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All of this leads me to the inescapable conclusion that if you had not had a problem with my Messiah participation, the arch-diocese would've had a problem. In these matters local Church authorities have shown themselves to be primarily reactive and rarely proactive.

Within a matter of weeks, I imagine Messiah rehearsals will be starting up all over again. While I personally feel this Handel masterpiece is suffering from serious overexposure, there's no denying it brings in the crowds. Because I very much admire and enjoy [REDACTED] as a conductor and a person, and because I find the chorus she has put together to be a talented and delightful bunch, I would very much like to participate again in the concert this year.

So it comes down to this. If you would rather not have my support in your major parish fundraiser, please let me know as soon as possible. I have plenty of choral activities to keep me occupied, and I will not allow myself to be humiliated in this way again. I promise you I will not bother you further.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc. Rev. Edward Grace
Rev. Patrick Lagges
[REDACTED]

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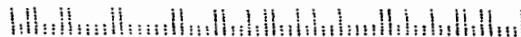


9/27/06
Ed called me
& said NO

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To: MAYRA FLORES
Ralph Bonaccorsi

From: Ed Groce

Fax Number: 751-8302

Date: 9/24/06

Number of pages including cover sheet: 4

MESSAGE:

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR YOUR REVIEW ☐ REPLY ASAP ☐ COMMENT

Mayra,
attached is Don Buck's letter
re sale of his summer home.
Please contact the [REDACTED] and/or
her daughters with a heads up.
I would also like to touch base with them.
Ed G.

From: Mayra Flores
To: Edward Grace; Leah McCluskey
Date: 9/27/2006 3:18:05 PM
Subject: DB

I spoke to [REDACTED] yesterday after reading Fr. Dan Buck's request to personally pack his belongings from the house he shares in [REDACTED]. In the conversation, Ms. [REDACTED] shared with me:

- Her concerns that Fr. Buck will prolong the "packing time". She asks how long will he be given to pack his belongings and vacate the premises? Her family is expected to gather for Thanksgiving. Will he be out of the house by then?
- She doesn't trust that he will abide by his restrictions. She commented that her mother has told her that she has seen a "car pull into the garage" and the "basement lights on in [Fr. Buck's] house for long periods of time in the night" - both are unusual since the housemates don't use the garage and they don't normally go into the basement (because the model train is the only thing down there). While she speculates that because her mother was able to identify Fr. Buck's car by his license plate last time (and alerted the archdiocese), she doesn't have proof that it is Fr. Buck that is pulling up to the garage or in the basement.
- She would like to know if he will be monitored - other than by housemates - while at the house packing? She would have more confidence in the monitoring if, say, a vicar were monitoring Fr. Buck rather than the housemates.
- When Fr. Buck submits his schedule for going to the house, she would appreciate being alerted beforehand so that her family could avoid "running into [him]". She says that her family members continue to visit the mother. She said, as a matter of fact, that she was scheduled to visit the mother today (Sept. 27).
- She does not want Fr. Grace to speak to her mother on Fr. Buck's behalf as he did in the past. Her mother commented to her that she felt "pressured" by the conversation given her past relationship with Fr. Grace.

Ms. [REDACTED] was appreciative of the call, but worries that Fr. Buck is going to "take advantage" of the situation by "wasting time" or "dragging out" the packing so he can spend time in the house.

I said I would consult with you and follow up with her. Please advise.

Peace,
Mayra

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CC: Ralph Bonaccorsi

MEMO

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Re: Dan Buck
Date: Oct. 4, 2006

This A.M. I spoke with Dan Buck concerning:

1. Sale of house: so far 1 low-ball offer – nothing solid yet – could happen any time.
2. Concerning packing: He would like written authority authorization to pack with the specifics of when etc. he could be there.
3. I informed him that I would discuss it with the [REDACTED]
My feeling is some combination of weekdays during the day, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. for example.
4. He reported his concern about a new place, i.e. that he would “not be bothered by the diocese there” He was particularly concerned about changes in the monitoring protocol by the ad hoc committee.

I said, “Currently overnight you would need a monitor. I cannot tell you what future monitoring polices could be initiated by the ad hoc committee.”

This should be discussed at [REDACTED].

From: Edward Grace
To: Flores, Mayra
Subject: Re: DB

October 4, 2006

Hello Mayra,

I certainly agree that the [REDACTED] and Buck are on bad terms. I also realize that Buck's behavior has been the problem. None the less, I'm somewhat perplexed by the issue of "monitoring" Buck while he is packing. If he were staying overnight at the house he would have to be appropriately monitored. However, I don't think he is subject to monitoring on day excursions. I think he is required to submit a log of his activity, but he does not have to be accompanied by a monitor. I have left a message asking Leah to give me a call when she finishes with the auditors. I would like to discuss this with both of you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, today I have a test scheduled for 12:00 noon in Arlington Heights.

I do appreciate that this is a particularly awkward situation. However, having some third party monitor there would be extremely awkward. Who would it be? How much time will be required for the business of packing up and preparing for the move?

I will be very glad when Buck is gone from there, but I suspect that it will be rocky time with significant unhappiness.

I'm going to call Buck now and listen to him, and then I will try to get in contact with the [REDACTED] I presume that [REDACTED] is the family member I should contact.

Ed Grace

>>> Mayra Flores 10/4/2006 8:46 AM >>>

Fr. Grace, In consideration of both Fr. Buck's and the [REDACTED] Family's interests during the selling/moving process I thought it would be a good starting point to put together this brief outline. Fr. Buck is entitled to retrieve his personal possessions from the home in [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] recognize this, and don't want to stand in the way of his moving from the home, nor making it unreasonable/inconvenient for him to do so. At the same time, certain episodes over time has lowered their trust and heightened their anxiety: o When Fr. Buck was first confronted with the allegation, he visited Mrs. [REDACTED] to garner her support for him "against" her daughters. o The [REDACTED] also believe that he either misinterpreted or, in fact, purposely misrepresented parts of the conversation with Mrs. [REDACTED] which she has contradicted. o After protocols were imposed on Fr. Buck, he violated some of them by visiting his vacation home – adding to the [REDACTED] mistrust of the process. It was the [REDACTED] that reported the incident to Archdiocesan officials. o Since the case has unfolded, the relationship between the family and Fr. Buck's housemates has become strained, and the family is not confident that the housemates can serve as appropriate monitors to Fr. Buck during the packing of personal items from the home. o Throughout this case, there has been a lot of "he said, she said". In my opinion, the [REDACTED] request for a neutral 3rd-party monitor during Fr. Buck's visits/packing is mutually beneficial to both parties (Fr. Buck and [REDACTED]). A monitor would maintain firm boundaries for both parties as a safeguard. The [REDACTED] would like to know the schedule of packing so that they can adequately and appropriately prepare beforehand. I am sure the [REDACTED] will appreciate any efforts to make the transition as smooth as possible for all concerned.

Peace,
Mayra

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CC: McCluskey, Leah; Smilanic, Daniel

MEMO

To: File
From: Ed Grace
Re: Dan Buck
Date: 10/05/06

This P.M. I met with Leah McCluskey and Mayra Flores concerning the pending move of the Buck Group from their summer home [REDACTED].

Dan Buck wishes to be present at the home to pack.

Mrs. [REDACTED] and Myra have spoken concerning the move. She apparently would like Buck to be monitored while he is present packing and wishes there to be some limits on the process.

I suggested that Buck be given permission to be present at the home on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4 weeks. This would give him eight days there and would mean the others would likely be present at least on Tuesdays.

Mayra wishes to present this to [REDACTED] before I speak with her and offer [REDACTED] the option of speaking with me.

I expect some opposition from [REDACTED]

I indicated to Leah and Mayra that this suggestion is not cast in concrete and could be modified to fit circumstances and they should be sure [REDACTED] understands this.

After I hear from [REDACTED] I will contact Dan Buck.

I will also inform the Cardinal that I am giving Buck permission to be there.

I expect that there will be questions which arise as you prepare for the sale of your property. Feel free to contact me with any questions which come up. If you cannot reach me at the office, try my cell phone: 1-312-720-3974.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward D. Grace,
Vicar for Priests

CC: [REDACTED]
Leah McCluskey
Mayra Flores
James Serritella

Wed. 10/11/06

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be from
of

after 3:00 PM Wednesday

- Mayra Has Spoken to Her.

- [REDACTED] Seems

- Concerned Buck will suddenly
Extend day

- Does not want him approaching
her mother

- Pleased we are supportive of
Having him Move.

- Does not want him around
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October 12, 2006

Daniel Buck
Post Office Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Dan,

Following our recent conversation I had a phone conversation on October 11th with Mrs. [REDACTED]. The purpose of this conversation was to inform her that you had the permission of the Diocese to be present at your summer home on ten week days for the purpose of packing your belongings in preparation for the anticipated sale of the property. I informed [REDACTED] that initially you have permission to be present on the following days between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.:

Tuesday, October 17th
Tuesday, October 20th

Friday, October 20th
Friday, October 27th, and
Friday, November 3rd.

I informed her that you and I would agree on the remaining days that you would be on the property after you had a chance to examine your own schedule. I also informed [REDACTED] that you thought you would need more than the ten days I had granted.

In addition, I agreed that I would consult in advance with [REDACTED] concerning the additional days you will be at the property. The purpose for this, of course, is to prevent any inadvertent encounters.

While you are at your summer home, I ask that you do not contact either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Finally, I offer an additional thought for your consideration. I suggest that you begin your packing work with your model railroad set up. I imagine the model railroad is the personal belonging that you would be most reluctant for anyone else to pack. I assume that you would be more comfortable having a moving company pack other belongings, if time should ever become a serious constraint.

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I expect that there will be questions, which arise as you prepare for the sale of your property. Feel free to contact me with any questions, which come up. If you cannot reach me at the office, try my cell phone: 1-312-720-3974.

Sincerely,



Rev. Edward D. Grace,
Vicar for Priests

CC: [REDACTED]
Leah McCluskey
Mayra Flores
James Serritella

October 12, 2006

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Mundelein, IL 60060

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October 13, 2006

Daniel Buck
Post Office Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Dan,

Concerning my letter of October 12, 2006:

Please note the typographical error in the list of days when you may be at your summer home. The second Tuesday on the list should be noted as October 24th - not October 20th.

I apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward D. Grace
Vicar for Priests

CC:

Leah McCluskey
Mayra Flores
James Serritella

October 30, 2006

Rev. Edward Grace
Vicar of Priests Office
645 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Fr. Grace:

Over the last couple of weeks I have gotten a good start at packing and moving my many possessions from my home in [REDACTED]. I am writing to make suggestions for the additional days I will need to continue the process.

I was surprised to see the restriction on the hours during the days to 9:00AM to 4:00PM, something that never came up in our conversations. My first reaction was that the evil lady in [REDACTED] had decreed that I am more dangerous after dark; however, since you repeatedly say that you called her only to inform her of the archdiocese's decision, the choice must have been yours. I had intended to work into the evenings; this restriction will guarantee that I will be unable to complete my efforts in the time you had proposed.

You also listed Friday, November 3 as one of the five days, a date never mentioned in our conversation. Since this is the day before my early morning departure to a conference in Sacramento, California, I doubt that I will be able to spend more than a couple of hours, if any, at the house that day.

I'm sure your suggestion on the order of my packing is well-intended; however, because of financial considerations, we will use a moving company only for transporting the things we cannot move; my classmates and I will do all packing. This points up once again the necessity of my involvement in the actual move. My classmates are concerned about your presumption that they can devote unlimited time away from their parish work for this forced relocation.

I have no desire to have any contact with members of this extended family. Please tell them to stay away from my classmates and myself.

Here are suggested additional days up to the end of the year. Since my classmates generously continue to find a way to get together with me, in spite of the restrictions placed upon me, on our Tuesday days off, all Tuesdays from November 28 to December 26 are acceptable. Other possible days are as follows: Friday, November 17; Thursday, November 30; Thursday, December 7 and/or Friday, December 8; Thursday, December 14 and/or Friday, December 15; Thursday, December 21 and/or Friday, December 22; Thursday, December 28 and/or Friday, December 29.

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Th DEC 7

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I look forward to your written response to these suggestions when I return from my California trip on November 16.

Sincerely,

Fr. Daniel Buck

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

P.S. I would appreciate it if all correspondence to me would be addressed to Rev. Daniel Buck. All other archdiocesan offices and agencies, including the Cardinal and the Professional Fitness Administrator, extend me this courtesy. I would expect no less respect from the Vicar of Priests Office.

cc. Rev. Kenneth Kauchek



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November 14, 2006

Rev. Daniel Buck
Post Office Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Dan,

I am responding to your letter of October 30, 2006 and a phone conversation I had with Dan Jarosewic on November 11th.

You have permission to be at your [REDACTED] home on the following days for the purpose of continuing to pack your belongings in preparation for the anticipated sale of your property.

Tuesday, November 28th
Tuesday, December 5th

Thursday, November 30th
Thursday, December 7th

Because your letter of October 30th indicated that Friday, November 3rd had not been a useful packing day I will not count November 3rd as one of the ten days you were allowed for packing. The 4 dates listed above, therefore, bring to 8 the number of days now allocated leaving 2 remaining. Please let me know if any of the above dates are not useful.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in avoiding contact with the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] families.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward D. Grace

CC: [REDACTED]

Mayra Flores
Leah McCluskey
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November 21, 2006

Rev. Daniel Buck
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Dear Dan,

In my letter of November 14th I noted that you could be at your [REDACTED] home to continue packing your belongings:

Tuesday, November 28th
Tuesday, December 5th

Thursday, November 30th
Thursday, December 7th

Subsequently we spoke on the phone and you indicated that December 7th had become problematic and you were pressed for time to complete packing by December 13 for a closing. Therefore we agreed to modify the above schedule so that you can be at your [REDACTED] home on the following days from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of continuing your packing:

Tuesday, November 28th Thursday, November 30th
Monday, December 4th Tuesday, December 5th Wednesday, December 6th

The five dates listed above, therefore, bring to 9 the number of days now allocated for your packing. There will still be one day of the original 10 available

Thank you for your continued cooperation in avoiding contact with the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] families.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward D. Grace

CC: [REDACTED]

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December 22, 2006

Rev. Daniel Buck
Post Office Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Dan,

You left me a voice mail for me on December 8th, requesting permission to be at your home in [REDACTED] on December 13th to be present while the movers removed your possessions. As I mentioned in the voice mail message I left for you, I did not receive this message until December 15th. Somehow, I'm not sure how, your message went directly into my saved message file and I did not open it until after the date in question. At any rate, I again apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. And of course, there is no problem with you having been there that day even though I did not get back to you.

I trust that the closing and the move went well. Please drop me a note for our file to confirm that your closing and move took place. I hope that you and your classmates are able to find a congenial place to replace the [REDACTED] property and that you and they are able to enjoy the new property in quiet possession.

My best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a joyful 2007.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward D. Grace
Vicar for Priests

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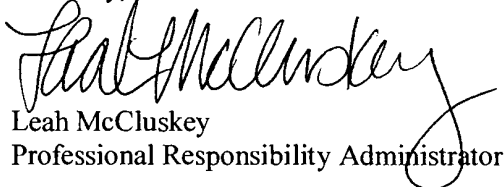
Rev. Daniel P. Buck
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Dear Fr. Buck,

I am writing to you in regards to the **TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION** form that you have agreed to fill out and return to me three weeks prior to any planned overnight absence from your residence of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Upon filling out the form, please provide a copy to Deacon Richard Hudzik prior to sending it to my office. This is to ensure that Deacon Hudzik is aware of your planned overnight absence in the event that he does not receive a copy of the notification form from my office prior to any planned departure. I have enclosed a blank copy of the notification form with this letter.

Rev. Edward Grace and I will be in contact with you regarding any future additional changes to your Individual Specific Protocol, Daily Log, and/or Travel/Vacation notification forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Deacon Richard Hudzik
Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., canonical advocate
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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HAND DELIVERED

April 13, 2007

Deacon Richard Hudzik
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, Illinois 60060-0455

Dear Deacon Hudzik,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the summary of allegations of the sexual abuse of minors against Rev. Daniel P. Buck that have been received by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review to date. You will also find copies of the most recent "Clergy Daily Log" and "Travel/Vacation Notification" forms that Fr. Buck will be directed to use as a client of this office.

As you know, one of our Vicars for Priests Rev. Edward Grace and myself will schedule a meeting with Fr. Buck in the near future to review with him his updated Individual Specific Protocol [ISP]. Once I have a signed copy of Fr. Buck's updated ISP, I will forward a copy to you for your information and records.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Daniel Smilanec, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

AOC 009322

Brother [REDACTED]

Home: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

7 May 2007

Very Reverend John Canary
Vicar General Archdiocese of Chicago
133 E Superior St
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Canary,

I really want to address the Cardinal directly. However, I have no address for him. Yours was the address I found on the archdiocesan web site. I have written two letters to the Cardinal. Neither one was acknowledged at all. I assume they are lost in the vast bureaucracy of the post office (or the archdiocese).

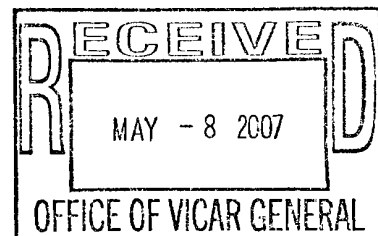
I just listened to the Cardinal's interview on WBEZ, public radio in Chicago. In referring to the "priest sex abuse scandal," the Cardinal mentioned that he meets often with the "victims" of abuse. I would like to ask him why he doesn't afford his brother priests who have been accused (some falsely) the same attention. Are they not also "victims?"

I hope you would pass this letter on to the Cardinal, or at least share my question with him.

Your brother in Our Lord,

[REDACTED]

Vincent Castille -
Could you let him if
he has more specific
info. It would make it
easier to ascertain if any
part is false?
VC



AOC 009323

May 25, 2007

Brother [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

My name is Father Vince Costello and I am the Co-Vicar for Priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Perhaps you remember me from the days when your brother, Dan, and I served together at St. Francis Borgia Parish several years ago. I am writing to you because on Monday, May 21st, Father John Canary, the Vicar General, shared your letter with me. I know that Cardinal George has read it as well. I was asked to follow up with you.

I am very aware that these last several years have been difficult for your family, [REDACTED], especially for your brother. I appreciate your loyalty to him. In your letter you make reference to some priests who were falsely accused. I have been asked to inquire of you as to whether you have any specific information that might lead to the exoneration any of our men who have been removed from ministry. If you know of anything that might be helpful please contact me at your earliest convenience.

You also referred to His Eminence's statement that he has often met with people who are victims of the priests' abuse scandal and you questioned whether he was willing to give the same attention to the priests who have been accused. I know that Cardinal George cares very deeply about his priests, even the ones who have been removed from ministry because of the provisions in the Dallas Charter. When I first began my ministry in the Vicar's Office in 2005 I was with the group that accompanied His Eminence when he visited with each of the men at Stritch Retreat House. To the best of my knowledge the Cardinal has never refused to meet with any of his priests who seek to make an appointment with him. If I am incorrect in this regard please let me know and I will speak about this matter with Cardinal George.

Brother [REDACTED] please know I wish you well in your ministry. I hope the upcoming summer months will bring you a bit of a respite.

Once again, if you have any specific information about any of our priests who have been accused of sexual misconduct with minors and have been removed from ministry please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Vincent F. Costello,
Co-Vicar for Priests

Cc: Cardinal George, Father John Canary

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May 30, 2007

Rev. Daniel P. Buck
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, Illinois 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck,

I wanted to thank you again for taking the time to meet with Rev. Edward Grace and myself last week to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on May 25th, I am returning the ISP and the related forms that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your civil attorney and canonical advocate as well. I ask that you review and discuss the ISP with your counsel and then return the signed protocol to me by June 13, 2007.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Grace at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

cc Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., canonical advocate
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS

For

Rev. Daniel Buck

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of promoting the safety of minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (Director). The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for Rev. Daniel Buck is as follows (Director to initial all that apply):

1. The client is restricted from being alone with a minor or minors, that is anyone under the age of 18, without the presence of another responsible adult.

2.

3.

4.  The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the on-site supervisor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the on-site supervisor and the Archdiocese. Although it identifies time periods, it is intended to provide a general record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-site activity, please include your destination and the general purpose of the visit or activity. For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping at a given Shopping Center rather than the details of each individual store. However, if your self-description is challenged or a complaint is lodged with the Archdiocese, some documentation and verification may be necessary to sufficiently address the situation.

5.  Abide by the assignment of residence to Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL.

6. W Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement," and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure. In the event of a prolonged stay in a particular location, the Archdiocese is required to notify the Ordinary of that place of your presence there.
7. N/A Attendance at a recommended support group _____ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of _____ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
8. No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* apply as they do to all Archdiocesan personnel.
9. No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. On-site visits by the Director and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with the Director, VP, and the cleric. Also, there can be additional, written notations tailored to the needs of a specific situation which are signed by all parties and appended to this document. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, and the VP. The cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the independent Review Board. At the discretion of any of the parties, the legal and/or canonical counsel of the cleric may be involved in the discussions.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Date: 1 Jun 2007

Printed Name: Rev. Daniel P. Buck Signed under Duress - Please Refer to Letters Dated:

Signature of Director: Paul McElroy Date: 6/5/07

Signature of VP: Edward H. Grace Date: 2/6/07

17 Apr 2006
14 Feb 2004
11 Feb 2004
1 Jul 2003
28 Jun 2003

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☐ no ☐

(Revised 4/5/07)

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Grace, Edward
Date: 6/5/2007 2:23:46 PM
Subject: Buck's address

Hello Fr. Grace,

The address for Fr. Buck's new summer home is:



I know you asked for this a while ago--sorry for just getting it to you.

Leah

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June 12, 2007

Rev. Daniel Buck
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Buck

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of your current completed and signed Individual Specific Protocol. Please note that copies of this document have also been sent to your Canonical Advocate, Civil Attorney, and to the Vicar for Priests.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Director, Office for Child Abuse
Investigations & Review

Enclosure

Cc: Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests
Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney
Rev. Kenneth R. Kaucke, JCD

AOC 009330

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Hudzik, Richard
Date: 6/26/2007 9:12:31 AM
Subject: Re: Dan Buck

Dear Dick,

Thank you for the information.

I am aware that Fr. Buck and Mrs. [REDACTED] do have what has been described to me as a positive friendship as adults. I know this as Mrs. [REDACTED]'s husband [REDACTED] was a member of the [REDACTED] when I first began five years ago and expressed that he and his wife do have a friendship with him.

Take care,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW
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>>> Richard Hudzik 6/21/2007 1:59 PM >>>

Leah: I do not know if this is significant or not but, at a minimum, I thought it odd and worthy of being passed on to you.

At 5:50PM on June 19, 2007, I took a message from a woman who identified herself as [REDACTED] and she asked to speak with Dan Buck. I advised her that I would be happy to take a message, as Dan does not have a telephone in his room. She said she was returning his call and that he had her number. Her name rang a bell with me and I checked his file for the materials you had sent to me. I see that a [REDACTED] is one of his accusers. I assume, but do not know, that the caller and the accuser are the same person.

I thought this contact would be something for you to evaluate.

I gave Dan the message from Ms. [REDACTED] and he has said nothing to me about it.

Let me know.

Dick

Deacon Richard F. Hudzik
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April 9, 2008

Reverend Daniel Buck
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
PO Box 455
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Dear Father Buck,

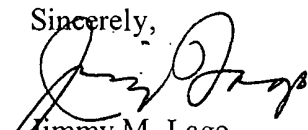
This letter is to update you on actions we are taking to upgrade our monitoring and supervision program. For the past year, we have been reviewing the recommendations from the consultants we hired in 2006 as well as the Ad Hoc Committee who worked with us this past year to redesign our programs for oversight and compliance. We are now in the process of implementing improvements to both of these programs.

We have engaged Dr. Monica Applewhite, former president of Praesidium, Inc., the national accrediting body for religious communities seeking to comply with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth* and *Essential Norms*, to design and recommend an individual protocol with each removed priest. Secondly, we have hired a new compliance supervisor, Ms. Shawnte Jenkins, to oversee compliance with these agreements and protocols.

The Vicar for Priests and members of the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth will be in contact with you to discuss these changes.

Please give them your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Jimmy M. Lago,
Chancellor

cc. Cardinal Francis George
Fr. John Canary
Fr. Vince Costello
Fr. Ed Grace
Jan Slattery

*mailed
4-9-08*

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December 2, 2008

I agree to return the Individual Specific Protocols to the Archdiocese of Chicago Compliance Supervisor at the downtown office located at 737 N. Michigan by 5:00 pm Thursday December 4, 2008.

Rev. Daniel Buck
Sign

2 Nov 08
Date

INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: DANIEL BUCK

Implementation Date

November 15, 2008

Date of Review

February 15, 2008

HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ordained: 1971

1971 – St. Luke, River Forest

1976 – Our Lady of Grace, Chicago

1979 – St. Wenceslaus, Chicago

1979 – St. Francis Borgia, Chicago

1984 – St. Thomas of Villanova, Palatine

1989 – St. Pius X, Stickney

1995 – St. Frances of Rome, Cicero

2001 – St. Mary, Buffalo Grove

2002 – Removal from ministry

HISTORY OF ABUSE ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED.

Allegation 1. In January of 1985, the mother of a 15-year-old girl reported to the Vicar for Priests, Father Ventura, that she was disturbed by the Daniel Buck's continuance of an inappropriate relationship with her daughter. She enclosed a copy of a letter she sent to Daniel Buck insisting that he "have no further contact, either in person, by letter, or on the phone" with her daughter. The relationship reportedly began when the girl was 11, lasted until she was 17 years old and included back rubs, touching breasts and genitals. In 1995, the girl's [REDACTED] submitted a letter written by Daniel Buck in June of 1984 that included references to their inappropriate, sexual relationship. The girl who was involved has continued to have a relationship with Daniel Buck and is in contact with him now. This allegation was substantiated.

Allegation 2. In July of 2002 the mother of an alleged female victim reported that when her daughter was 12 or 13 years old, in 1980 or 1981, Daniel Buck rubbed her back under her blouse. He reportedly did this in front of her parents and her mother confronted him, telling him he was giving girls the wrong ideas about

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sexuality. The family reported that after that they avoided Daniel Buck. The family and the alleged victim elected not to move forward with formalizing the allegation with the Archdiocese.

Allegations 3 and 4. In April of 2003, the mother of two women reported that Daniel Buck molested her two daughters. The allegations were subsequently formalized by the two girls (now women) who reported that when the youngest was approximately ten years old and the eldest was 11 years old, Daniel Buck visited in their home on a number of occasions. She reported that [REDACTED] he came and gave them backrubs [REDACTED] and that he would begin by rubbing under their shirts and then move to the chest area. One of the girls reported that he also touched her genital area. The two women reported that this activity began when they were in fourth and fifth grade and lasted until they were in seventh and eighth grade. These allegations were found to be substantiated.

CURRENT CANONICAL STATUS.

On July 22, 2005, His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George issued a decree which established that Cardinal George, in consultation with the Promoter of Justice and two Assessors, found Daniel Buck guilty of the grave delict described in c. 1395 § 2 of the 1917 Code, namely sexual abuse of a minor under the age of sixteen. This conclusion was reached, under the direction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, through an administrative penal process in accordance with c. 1720. Because an administrative penal process does not provide for a perpetual penalty to be imposed, Daniel Buck's decree provided for a ten year penalty. His faculties to minister as a priest of the Archdiocese were removed for the ten year period and he was directed to live under an established monitoring protocol. At the end of the ten years (in July 2015) the decree is to be reviewed to see if it must be renewed or can be revised.

CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Daniel Buck is currently living in the Cardinal Stritch Retreat house with 8 other members of the archdiocesan priesthood who have been removed from ministry due to sexual abuse of minors. Daniel Buck leaves the retreat house for the day and night every Tuesday to visit a house on the lake that he owns with 3 other priests with whom he has been friends for many years. All three of the priests are reportedly aware of his situation; all are in good standing with the Archdiocese of Chicago. Daniel Buck also leaves the retreat house to rehearse and perform in choruses and choirs, to go out for dinner, to attend theatre and occasionally to visit friends in their homes. Daniel Buck reported that he sometimes visits with families who have minor children, but not often. His involvement with these families will be addressed in the Risk Reduction Strategies that follow.

RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS WHILE IN MINISTRY

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
With a prudent companion who is present from the time he arrives until the time he leaves, Daniel Buck is permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes or in public places. Such contact must be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor. Failure to disclose contact with minors will be considered a serious violation of protocols. Daniel Buck is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25.	Verification with Community Support Network. Oversight by Compliance Supervisor. Unannounced verification (telephone, in-person visits, GPS) of daily logs.	
Daniel Buck is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Daniel Buck is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Daniel Buck is required to return to his residence no later than 10 pm, unless previously approved by his Compliance Supervisor.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.	
Daniel Buck is required to allow his Compliance Supervisor access to his house located at [REDACTED] IL for the purposes of verification.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.	
Daniel Buck is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not	Verification with Community	

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limited to public celebration of Mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry), and introducing or calling himself "Father" or "Reverend".	Support Network. Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.	

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
Daniel Buck will provide to his Compliance Supervisor a listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability (to be submitted within 5 business days of implementation of protocol) .	Completion of Community Support Network form	
Daniel Buck is prohibited from attending liturgy, or any aspect of parish community life at any parish in which he has served in ministry. He is also prohibited from being involved with or part of any Roman Catholic parish council or parish leadership effort.	Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.	
Daniel Buck is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.	Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.	
Daniel Buck is prohibited from spending time at the lake house located at [REDACTED] IL when there are guests under the age of 25.	Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.	
Daniel Buck will spend one evening each week at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, participating in an evening meal, faith sharing and group meeting.	Verification by Retreat House Director.	
Daniel Buck will continue to work with his	Verification by Compliance	

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	Supervisor.	

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
Daniel Buck is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care, counseling and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	Verification with support network. Unannounced verification of daily logs.	
In the event that a minor initiates contact with Daniel Buck, he is required to remove himself from the situation immediately and inform his employer and Compliance Supervisor.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his volunteer work at the Illinois Railroad Museum that does not involve any level of interaction with minors, pending a verification of this site by his Compliance Supervisor.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his involvement with all-adult choruses and choirs, pending verification of the sites and activities by his Compliance Supervisor. (Verification priority will be given to the Choir that rehearses at the Junior High School in the evenings).	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	
Daniel Buck is prohibited from any form of work or volunteerism or visiting of vulnerable adults that is not approved by Compliance Supervisor.	Verification with support network. Unannounced verification of daily logs.	
Daniel Buck is prohibited from viewing, downloading or otherwise possessing pornography or sexually explicit materials of any kind. Computer is subject to removal from	Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and	

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site for verification purposes.	Compliance Supervisor.	
Online chat, social networking involvement, and other internet relationships, as well as sites visited are subject to review by his Compliance Supervisor (with designated Information Technology Personnel) for the first six months of the program. The need for ongoing review will be evaluated following this period of time.	Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.	

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
		
Daniel Buck will meet every two weeks with Compliance Supervisor at his residence the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	Verification by Compliance Supervisor.	

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOLS.

Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance, any of the following consequences may apply:

- Immediate voluntary polygraph to determine whether abuse may have occurred.
- Restriction from visits to lake house located at  IL.
- Restriction from travel.
- Change of residence.
- Implementation of routine polygraph verification.
- Canonical action, up to and including involuntary removal from the priesthood.

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SIGNATURES.

Signed: Francis Gerard Lynam Date: Nov 17 2008

Printed Name: FRANCIS OBERG

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Edward N. Grace Date: 12/2/08

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Poe Munn Date: 12/2/08

Signature of Cardinal: Daniel P. Buck Date: 4 Dec 08

DANIEL BUCK
PIL
Signed under Duress
Daniel P. Buck

COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has initiated a program of support and accountability for the priests of the Archdiocese who have been removed from ministry due to their sexual misconduct with minors. The program is voluntary in that a priest may choose to participate or may choose to leave the priesthood. Daniel Buck has expressed his desire to engage in this program, fully recognizing it will mean a significant increase in accountability and a decrease in his overall levels of privacy. This is seen as a positive sign, as openness to support and intervention by others is one of the essential components for long-term abstinence from sexual offending.

The Archdiocese has asked Daniel Buck to identify the friends and family members who would be willing and able to offer support and accountability to him as he moves through his daily life. You were among those he identified.

If you are willing to accompany Daniel Buck in this way, the following is asked of you:

1. That you review Daniel Buck's history of allegations and substantiated offenses,
2. That you review his *Individual Specific Protocols*, which tell you what he is permitted to do and what he is not,
3. That you agree to support Daniel Buck through interrupting high-risk behaviors (such as his attempting to be alone with a minor) if they occur and informing his Compliance Supervisor of any other concerns or violations of the protocols,
4. That you agree to on-going, open communication with Daniel Buck's Compliance Supervisor so that any problems may be identified and addressed before they become serious.

I am personally grateful to you for considering what can only be considered a ministry to Daniel Buck and for the support you have offered him thus far. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate in this program, please do not feel an obligation and please do not turn to the pages that follow which contain confidential information. If you would like to move forward with the commitment to participate, please indicate with your signature below. Once you have reviewed all of the information, you will have another opportunity to indicate your willingness to move forward. Thank you once again for considering this important work.

Signature and date

I have a commitment to support Daniel Buck in his personal program of wellness. I am willing and able to assist him in avoiding situations that could lead to further sexual misconduct and further harm to others, including misinterpretations of his behavior or false allegations of abuse.

Signature and date

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To: Shawnte Jenkins 312 751-8307 From: Rev. Daniel Buck 847 566-6092⁹
COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK FOR DANIEL BUCK

Name	Relationship	Contact information
Bro, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Brother	[REDACTED]
Rev. Mark Canavan	Classmate	8808 Ridgeland Avenue Oak Lawn IL 60453-1003 [REDACTED]
Rev. Thomas Moran	Classmate	3700 Dundee Road Northbrook IL 60062-2200 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		

I have provided these people copies of
my new protocol.

D.B.

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His Eminence Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

10 December 2008

Dear Cardinal George:

My client, Reverend Daniel Buck, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is in receipt of a new set of Individual Specific Protocols which were signed by you on 12-02-08. Fr. Buck has signed the Protocols and has delivered them to the Archdiocese.

Father Buck has raised concerns in these new Protocols which violate the decree you issued to him on 22 July 2005.

The new set of Protocols has imposed a more stringent penalty on him without any further dilacts on his part, thereby violating the principle and spirit of the July 2005 decree. A penalty imposed cannot be made more burdensome through the introduction of a new Protocol without the declaration of a new decree based on newfound allegations of a serious crime. There are no new allegations. Father Buck has maintained a life of prayer, [REDACTED] ongoing education, simplicity of life and has fostered peace and harmony.

For example, the 2005 decree dispenses Fr. Buck from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c.284) and strongly urges him not to wear such attire. Also, he is not to represent himself as a priest to those unknown to him and may not act as an agent of the Archdiocese. The severe restrictions in the new Protocol on Fr. Buck's clothing, public activities, and personal identification go far beyond the provisions of the decree.

Additionally, the 2005 decree urges Fr. Buck to observe the prescriptions of canons 273 to 289 concerning the rights and obligations of clerics. In contrast to this, the new Protocol not only demands that Fr. Buck pretend to not be a priest, but he also "is prohibited from ... all other forms of ministry that may be provided by lay persons." Again, this represents a drastic expansion of the prohibitions found in the 2005 decree.

Also, the decrease in his monthly salary has violated the July 2005 decree. The decree ordered that his salary shall be that of an associate pastor less administrative expenses. Less than six months ago, members of your staff arbitrarily decreased his salary. Again, in violation of your decree of July 2005.

Father Buck seeks re-dress of these issues through the office of your Vicar for Priests.

Keeping you in prayer, I remain,

Faternally Yours in Christ

Reverend Kenneth R. Kauchek J.C.D.

Cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary – Vicar General
Reverend Patrick R. Lagges – Judicial Vicar
Reverend Edward D. Grace – Vicar for Priests
Ms. Shawnte Jenkins – Compliance Supervisor

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December 19, 2008

Reverend Kenneth R. Kauchek
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish
467 Fairford
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2410

Dear Father Kauchek,

I received your letter of December 10, 2008 in which you expressed your concerns about the new protocol that was established for Father Daniel Buck.

I would like to begin by explaining the context of Father Buck's situation. On July 22, 2005, I issued a decree that said that I found Father Buck guilty of the delict of c. 1395§2 with three minors. The *Essential Norms* for the United States stipulate that for even one such offense, a priest is to be permanently removed from ministry and, unless there are special circumstances present, removed from the clerical state. Rather than ask the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to impose the penalty of dismissal on Father Buck, I allowed Father Buck to remain in the priesthood and to live what has been called "a life of prayer and penance." The Vicar for Priests was delegated to determine the specifics of that life; Father Buck's stipend for sustenance was subject to the particular law of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I am very grateful to Father Buck for his cooperation with the details of the precept during the last three and a half years. He has also been very helpful to the other priests who were removed from ministry and are residing with him at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. He has been particularly solicitous for the more elderly priests and has assisted them in some of the things that they cannot do for themselves.

However, it has also become clear to me that original protocols established for priests found guilty of the delict of c. 1395§2 needed to be refined and that the "life of prayer and penance" needed to be more carefully specified. For example, although the *Essential Norms* required that I remove Father Buck from all ministry, the initial set of protocols did not make specific what this entailed. Questions came up from time to time as to what was permitted and what was not permitted. The new set of protocols now make specific what is already contained in the *Essential Norms*, i.e. that any priest who has been found guilty of the delict of c. 1395§2 may not engage in any ministry at all, whether it is specifically priestly or also open to lay people.

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In addition, while the July 22, 2005 decree stated that Father Buck was dispensed from the obligation to wear clerical garb and encouraged not to do so, and that he was not to identify himself as a priest, the new protocols provide more specific examples of what was meant in the decree. Once again, this was in response to questions that were being asked and, in some cases, behavior that was called into question. Rather than having the priest accused of violating protocols that he did not know he was violating, I thought it best to be more specific as to what was meant in the original decree.

I do not view these new protocols as establishing any new penalties for Father Buck. They simply spell out more specifically what was meant in the original penalty. They were established so that both Father Buck and the Compliance Supervisor, Shawnte Jenkins, clearly understand what are acceptable activities and what are not acceptable. In other words, the new protocols fall within the provisions of the July 22, 2005 decree which stated that Father Buck, the Vicar for Priests and the Professional Responsibility Administrator (now under the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth) work together to determine in what activities Father Buck may engage.

Similarly, the July 22, 2005 decree states that Father Buck's stipend can be adjusted according to administrative expenses. Over the past three years, we have gotten a better idea of how much it is costing us to house the removed priests at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House and to provide [REDACTED] and other support services for them. I feel it is a matter of justice to the Archdiocese, as well as to the victims of clerical sexual abuse, that the priests share some of the burden of this support. I believe the amount Father Buck is receiving each month is sufficient to provide for his needs.

I hope this gives you a sufficient explanation as to the new protocols that were established for Father Buck and for the other priests who have committed the delict of c. 1395§2. Should you have any further questions, I will try to provide you with the information you need.

Thank you again for your representation of Father Buck in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Francis" and last name "George" being the most prominent parts.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary
Reverend Edward Grace
Ms. Shawnte Jenkins

5 Feb 09

To: Shawnte Jenkins, Monica Applewhite, et al

From: Rev. Daniel Buck

Re: 15 Feb Review of Individual Specific Protocol for Daniel Buck

In preparation for the 15 Feb review of my protocol, I have put together an overview of the parts of the protocol that I feel need to be revised or corrected. I will present these matters in the order they appear in the protocol.

I. History of Allegations

Setting aside for the time being the whimsical use of the word "substantiated", the paragraph on Allegation 1 should include the fact that the alleged victim, a woman now approaching her fortieth birthday, has consistently denied that she was abused. Her testimony was never sought out in the archdiocese's so-called investigation. A note should be included under this allegation and under the others that I continue to deny the allegation.

Allegation 2 should be eliminated from the protocol for two reasons. First, as admitted by the victim assistance minister in 2002, the action described, if it did indeed occur, does not constitute abuse. Second, the alleged victim "elected not to move forward" because no abuse occurred. Including this allegation in the protocol gives a false impression to anyone reading it. In reality this allegation does not exist.

Speaking of false impressions, Allegations 3 and 4 are particularly egregious. Since no time frame is given for the alleged abuse, the reader could conclude that these alleged incidents were the most recent. In point of fact the abuse is alleged to have taken place in the middle 1970's. And when the archdiocese was informed of this alleged offense 30 years later, the messenger was not a mother but rather a notorious lawyer whose motives are well-known. The fact that, as a former Vicar of Priests told me, the first contact was made in the form of a threat from this lawyer puts an entirely different spin on these allegations. I have, of course, consistently denied them.

II. Risk Management Strategies

- Ten PM Curfew -

In the course of the lengthy interview with Ms. Applewhite and Ms. Jenkins on 28 Aug 08, I was repeatedly told that my participation in music and theatre and other cultural activities was a healthy outlet for my talents and interests. However this curfew effectively makes these activities at least difficult if not impossible. Most plays begin at 7:30 or 8:00PM; concerts do the same. They don't end until 10:00 or 10:30. While I'm negotiating for approval of late arrival, the good tickets disappear and performances sell out. I request that this curfew be eliminated or at least pushed back to midnight.

- Introducing or Calling Himself "Father" or "Reverend" -

This prohibition is theologically and canonically flawed and practically unworkable. All of my friends and relatives know who and what I am, and I will not lie to new people I meet. I don't put much stock in titles (I never have), but I will not and can not deny the call I received from the Lord and his Church thirty-eight years ago.

- Providing ... all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons -

This prohibition is so vague as to be meaningless. It also is an affront to my responsibility as a good Catholic. It certainly has nothing to do with the protection of children. I strenuously object to the further restriction of 4 Dec 08 which prohibits my singing in a choir at a Catholic church. In a few cold words you have eliminated something that has been an important part of my personal spirituality for over fifty years.

III. Another Important Matter

My canonical advocate, Rev. Kenneth R. Kaucke J.C.D., on 10 Dec 08 sent a letter to Cardinal George and other archdiocesan officials pointing out several examples in which my individual specific protocol violates the spirit and the letter of the Cardinal's decree of 22 Jul 05. Some of these matters are covered in my preceding objections. Not part of the protocol is the continuing unjust and unwarranted decrease in my salary, for which I have yet to receive any proper documentation.

To date, neither Fr. Kaucke nor I have received any response to this letter. The courtesy of a reply would be appreciated. (A copy of the letter is enclosed.)

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Daniel P. Buck

cc. Rev. Kenneth R. Kaucke

June 22, 2009

Recommendations for Individual Specific Protocol- Daniel Buck

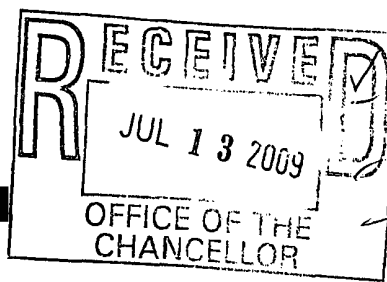
-Include timeframes for allegations three and four.

-Daniel Buck to attend monthly meetings at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.

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Br [REDACTED]
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7 July 2009

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Office of the Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Eminence,

Thank you very much for your letter of 26 June 2009. I appreciate your taking the time to respond to my letter of 5 June 2009.

With all due respect for your office, I think your treatment of my brother, and others, is "built on sand." You state "Dan has three substantial allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor accepted as fact by the review board." I think your review board is way off course.

The first accusation was made in 1984, 25 years ago. The accusation came from the parent of a parishioner. The alleged victim was not interviewed. Neither the archdiocese nor civil authorities thought it necessary to remove Dan from ministry. Years later, when the alleged victim was interviewed, the accusation was denied.

In the mid nineties, the archdiocese changed its policies. [REDACTED] He faithfully did all that the archdiocese asked and was repeatedly found to be no danger to minors.

In 2002, at the urging of Barbara Blain and her misguided followers, the archdiocese again changed policies. Dan's name was unjustly published in the papers as having been accused of sexual abuse. Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] using questionable and largely discredited methods, was able to come up with two sisters. These women made accusations that they had suffered abuse at the hands of my brother. The alleged abuse is said to have happened in the 70's. That is 30 years ago.

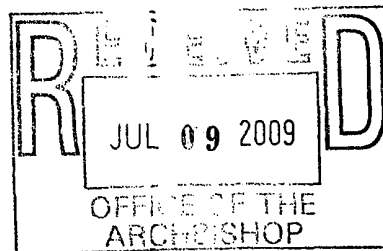
I can't believe that you and your review board can't spot the possibility of fraud here. These "victims" have become rich, as has their lawyer.

It is not possible to prove that my brother is not guilty of any accusation this old. It should be up to the accusers to prove their case. Otherwise my brother is innocent.

You are the leader of the archdiocese and the Bishop's Conference. I believe you are an honest man. I hope you will put a stop to this assault on the Church by those who would rob it of its treasure, both financial and talent.

Sincerely,

B. [REDACTED]



Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

January 30, 2010

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

As you may recall, one of the concerns raised in our meeting with you and Fr. Collins at the Retreat House on August 19, 2009 revolved around financial shortfalls. Since then the situation has certainly not improved and, in many ways, has worsened. I struggle to pay my personal bills without dipping into my limited savings, which I had hoped would be available to supplement my reduced earnings in my retirement years. The transportation money which I spend to travel 150 miles a week to nonsensical [REDACTED] doesn't help the situation. Since the clergy ministerial allowance is unavailable to me, I am unable to attend most of the fine continuing education events held at the seminary. Without help from the Archdiocese, I will probably be absent from the next Priests' Convocation.

Speaking of retirement, my current financial predicament will have long-term negative effects since, as I understand it, my social security earnings are based on my income in the last several years of my working life.

I can accept the argument that, because I am no longer engaged in sacramental ministry (through no choice of my own), I am not entitled to an associate pastor's salary. On the other hand, I find it hard to believe that a ministry of "prayer and penance" has no more value than a subsistence stipend. I note that the recently published 2010-2011 salary schedule for diocesan priests in parishes includes a modest increase, presumably to cover a rising cost of living which affects me as much as it does my brother priests. In light of this I would like to offer two conservative proposals:

1. Set our compensation at \$2000 less than the starting salary of an associate pastor, which in fiscal year 2010-2011 would be \$20,820.
- or
2. Increase our current compensation of \$18,600 by a modest \$50 per pay period, resulting in an annual stipend of \$19,900.

I very much appreciate your kind consideration of this matter. Please know that you remain in my prayers. We would greatly enjoy another visit from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel Buck

cc. Rev. John Collins

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: DANIEL BUCK

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

October 30, 2008

DATE OF REVIEW

December, 2010

HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ordained: 1971

1971 – St. Luke, River Forest

1976 – Our Lady of Grace, Chicago

1979 – St. Wenceslaus, Chicago

1979 – St. Francis Borgia, Chicago

1984 – St. Thomas of Villanova, Palatine

1989 – St. Pius X, Stickney

1995 – St. Frances of Rome, Cicero

2001 – St. Mary, Buffalo Grove

2002 – Removal from ministry

HISTORY OF ABUSE ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED.

ALLEGATION 1.

In January of 1985, the mother of a 15-year-old girl reported to the Vicar for Priests, Father Ventura, that she was disturbed by the Daniel Buck's continuance of an inappropriate relationship with her daughter. She enclosed a copy of a letter she sent to Daniel Buck insisting that he "have no further contact, either in person, by letter, or on the phone" with her daughter. The relationship reportedly began when the girl was 11, lasted until she was 17 years old and included back rubs, touching breasts and genitals. In 1995, the girl's [REDACTED] submitted a letter written by Daniel Buck in June of 1984 that included references to their inappropriate, sexual relationship. The girl who was involved has continued to have a relationship with Daniel Buck and is in contact with him now. This allegation was substantiated.

ALLEGATION 2.

In July of 2002 the mother of an alleged female victim reported that when her daughter was 12 or 13 years old, in 1980 or 1981, Daniel Buck rubbed her back under her blouse. He reportedly did this in front of her parents and her mother confronted

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him, telling him he was giving girls the wrong ideas about sexuality. The family reported that after that they avoided Daniel Buck. The family and the alleged victim elected not to move forward with formalizing the allegation with the Archdiocese.

ALLEGATIONS 3 AND 4.

In April of 2003, the mother of two woman reported that Daniel Buck molested her two daughters. The allegations were subsequently formalized by the two girls (now women) who reported that when the youngest was approximately ten years old and the eldest was 11 years old, Daniel Buck visited in their home on a number of occasions. She reported that [REDACTED] he came and gave them backrubs [REDACTED] and that he would begin by rubbing under their shirts and then move to the chest area. One of the girls reported that he also touched her genital area. The two women reported that this activity began when they were in fourth and fifth grade and lasted until they were in seventh and eighth grade. These allegations were found to be substantiated.

CURRENT CANONICAL STATUS.

On July 22, 2005, His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George issued a decree which established that Cardinal George, in consultation with the Promoter of Justice and two Assessors, found Daniel Buck guilty of the grave delict described in c. 1395 § 2 of the 1917 Code, namely sexual abuse of a minor under the age of sixteen. This conclusion was reached, under the direction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, through an administrative penal process in accordance with c. 1720. Because an administrative penal process does not provide for a perpetual penalty to be imposed, Daniel Buck's decree provided for a ten year penalty. His faculties to minister as a priest of the Archdiocese were removed for the ten year period and he was directed to live under an established monitoring protocol. At the end of the ten years (in July 2015) the decree is to be reviewed to see if it must be renewed or can be revised.

CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Daniel Buck is currently living in the Cardinal Stritch Retreat house with 5 other members of the archdiocesan priesthood who have been removed from ministry due to sexual abuse of minors. Daniel Buck shares a house in [REDACTED] with 3 other priests with whom he has been friends for many years. All three of the priests are reportedly aware of his situation; all are in good standing with the Archdiocese of Chicago. Daniel Buck also leaves the retreat house to rehearse and perform in choruses and choirs, to go out for dinner, to attend theatre and occasionally to visit friends in their homes. Daniel Buck reported that he sometimes visits with families who have minor children, but not often. His involvement with these families will be addressed in the Risk Reduction Requirements that follow.

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**STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS
WHILE IN MINISTRY**

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE 8/15/08	PROGRESS TO DATE
With a prudent companion who is present from the time he arrives until the time he leaves, Daniel Buck is permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes or in public places. Such contact must be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor. Failure to disclose contact with minors will be considered a serious violation of protocols. Daniel Buck is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i> <i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i> <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, in-person visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck is believed to be in full compliance with this requirement. He is still interested in visiting with [REDACTED] in her home with minor children present.
Daniel Buck is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	2/15/09	Compliance On 2/15/09 provided inaccurate information on his Clergy Daily Log. Generally log sheets are appropriately completed.
Daniel Buck is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance All requests have been made in accordance with timeliness and procedures.
Daniel Buck is required to return to his residence no later than 10pm, unless previously approved by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck regularly requests curfew extensions.
Daniel Buck is required to allow his Compliance Supervisor access to his house located at [REDACTED] IL for the purposes of [REDACTED]	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	No violations during this reporting period.	Full compliance Daniel Buck has allowed Compliance Supervisor access to his house located at [REDACTED]

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Daniel Buck is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of Mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry), and introducing or calling himself "Father" or "Reverend".	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.</i>	Daniel Buck continues to identify himself as "Father" on some written programs for singing performances.	Non Compliance In a letter dated 2/5/09 he reported that he will "not lie" to new people that he meets by not calling himself "Father". The connotation of this letter is that he is not in compliance with this requirement. Because this is a specific requirement of the <i>Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People</i> , this is a violation of the Charter.
Daniel Buck will provide to his Compliance Supervisor a listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability.	<i>Completion of Community Support Network form</i>	No violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck provided Compliance Supervisor with contact information of close friends and family.
Daniel Buck is prohibited from attending liturgy, or any aspect of parish community life at any parish in which he has served in ministry. He is also prohibited from being involved with or part of any Roman Catholic parish council or parish leadership effort.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance There are no known reports of Daniel Buck
Daniel Buck is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full compliance There have not been any known incidents of Daniel Buck communicating by telephone, email birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25. Daniel Buck reports that he does not own a cell phone or computer and does not access

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			the internet.
Daniel Buck is prohibited from spending time at the lake house located at [REDACTED] IL when there are guests under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full compliance There have been no known incidents of Daniel Buck having guests under the age of 25 at his lake house.
[REDACTED]			
Daniel Buck is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care, counseling and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	While Daniel Buck is not known to have violated this requirement, he has self reported that he refuses to comply.	Non Compliance Daniel Buck has reported that as a Catholic he cannot be prohibited from participating in lay ministry. What, if any, lay ministries he is involved with is unknown.
In the event that a minor initiates contact with Daniel Buck, he is required to remove himself from the situation immediately and inform his employer and Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance There have been no known incidents of Daniel Buck having contact with a minor.
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his volunteer work at the Illinois Railroad Museum that does not involve any level of interaction with minors, pending a verification of this site by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance The Railroad Museum does have many opportunities for interactions with minors. Daniel Buck's disclosure to the administration and Board of Directors, as well as his adherence to the requirement to avoid tours and other direct interactions with minors are essential for risk management. Because the Museum is a child-oriented destination and is also a considerable distance from

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			the retreat house, it will continue to fall in the category of "day trip".
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his involvement with all-adult choruses and choirs, pending verification of the sites and activities by his Compliance Supervisor. (Verification priority will be given to the Choir that rehearses at the Junior High School in the evenings).	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck continues to be involved with adult choruses and choirs.
Daniel Buck is prohibited from any form of work or volunteerism or visiting of vulnerable adults that is not approved by Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification with support network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance There have been no reported incidents of Daniel Buck visiting with vulnerable adults.
Daniel Buck is prohibited from viewing, downloading or otherwise possessing pornography or sexually explicit materials of any kind. Computer is subject to removal of site for verification purposes.	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance There are no Incidents of Daniel Buck possessing pornography.
Online chat, social networking involvement, and other internet relationships, as well as sites visited are subject to review by his Compliance Supervisor (with designated Information Technology Personnel) for the first six months of the program. The need for ongoing review will be evaluated following this period of time.	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck reports that he does not own a computer and does not have access to a computer or the internet.

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Daniel Buck will meet every two weeks with his Compliance Supervisor at his residence the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Compliance As demonstrated in recorded sessions with the Compliance Supervisor, Daniel Buck continues to openly express hostility toward the system of accountability and toward the Compliance Supervisor as an agent of the system. Little progress has been made toward more productive interactions and meetings.

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE 8/09	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE 8/15/08
	<i>Verification with group facilitator.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full compliance Daniel Buck attends scheduled meetings.
Daniel Buck is required to attend monthly meetings at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	No known violations of this protocol.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck attends meetings as scheduled.

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REPORTING PERIOD: DECEMBER, 2008- DECEMBER, 2010

Daniel Buck's overall progress in the Prayer and Penance Program has been satisfactory.

Daniel Buck spends a considerable amount of time away from the retreat house. While it appears that he is engaged in healthy social activities more monitoring and verification is required to provide accountability and manage risks. His brother Br. [REDACTED] frequently accompanies him and acts as a Prudent Companion. Daniel Buck continues to openly express hostility toward the system of accountability and the Compliance Supervisor as an agent of the system of supervision. In a letter dated 2/5/09 Daniel Buck states that not even a Bishop has the authority to decree that he cannot be involved in any kind of ministry including that which may be provided to laypersons. Further, in reference to the protocol "*Daniel Buck is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of Mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry), and introducing or calling himself "Father" or "Reverend"*", Daniel Buck states that he will "not lie" to new people that he meets by not calling himself "Father". The connotation of this letter is that he is not in compliance with this requirement. Daniel Buck reaffirmed these points on 4/23/10 when he resubmitted this letter. Considerable time and energy in [REDACTED] meetings with Compliance Supervisor has been expended on complaining about the Archdiocese and the system of supervision. Progress will continue to be limited as long as the focus remains on external factors rather than the internal struggles and needs.

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: DANIEL BUCK

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

December, 2010

DATE OF REVIEW

December, 2011

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION	DATE OF REVIEW
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Daniel Buck is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/10
Daniel Buck is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is required to return to his residence no later than 11:00 pm, unless previously approved by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is required to allow his Compliance Supervisor access to his house located at [REDACTED] IL for the purposes of verification.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	12/10	12/11

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Daniel Buck will provide to his Compliance Supervisor An updated listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability.	<i>Completion of Community Support Network form</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is prohibited from attending liturgy, or any aspect of parish community life at any parish in which he has served in ministry. He is also prohibited from being involved with or part of any Roman Catholic parish council or parish leadership effort.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is prohibited from spending time at the lake house located at [REDACTED] IL when there are guests under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	12/10	12/11
[REDACTED]	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care, counseling	<i>Verification with</i>		

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and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>support network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	12/10	12/11
In the event that a minor initiates contact with Daniel Buck, he is required to remove himself from the situation immediately and inform his employer and Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his volunteer work at the Illinois Railroad Museum that does not involve any level of interaction with minors. He is allotted 30" Day Trips" per year to be used specifically for trips to the Railroad Museum.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his involvement with all-adult choruses and choirs, pending verification of the sites and activities by his Compliance Supervisor. (Verification priority will be given to the Choir that rehearses at the Junior High School in the evenings).	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	12/10	12/11
Daniel Buck is prohibited from any form of work or volunteerism or visiting of vulnerable adults that is not approved by Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification with support network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	12/10	12/11
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	<i>Verification with group facilitator.</i>	12/10	12/11
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CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOLS.

Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance, any of the following consequences may apply:

- Immediate voluntary polygraph to determine whether abuse may have occurred.
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- Restriction from travel.
- Change of residence.
- Implementation of routine polygraph verification.
- Canonical action, up to and including involuntary removal from the priesthood.

SIGNATURES.

Signed: Daniel P. Buck - signed under Duress Date: 28 Jan 11

Printed Name: Daniel P. Buck

Signature of Vicar for Priest: B. J. McCallum Date: 1/28/11

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: R. J. McCallum Date: Feb. 14, 2011

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal George Date: Jan 6 2011

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: DANIEL BUCK

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

December, 2010

DATE OF REVIEW

January, 2012

HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ordained: 1971

1971 – St. Luke, River Forest

1976 – Our Lady of Grace, Chicago

1979 – St. Wenceslaus, Chicago

1979 – St. Francis Borgia, Chicago

1984 – St. Thomas of Villanova, Palatine

1989 – St. Pius X, Stickney

1995 – St. Frances of Rome, Cicero

2001 – St. Mary, Buffalo Grove

2002 – Removal from ministry

HISTORY OF ABUSE ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED.

ALLEGATION 1.

In January of 1985, the mother of a 15-year-old girl reported to the Vicar for Priests, Father Ventura, that she was disturbed by the Daniel Buck's continuance of an inappropriate relationship with her daughter. She enclosed a copy of a letter she sent to Daniel Buck insisting that he "have no further contact, either in person, by letter, or on the phone" with her daughter. The relationship reportedly began when the girl was 11, lasted until she was 17 years old and included back rubs, touching breasts and genitals. In 1995, the girl's [REDACTED] submitted a letter written by Daniel Buck in June of 1984 that included references to their inappropriate, sexual relationship. The girl who was involved has continued to have a relationship with Daniel Buck and is in contact with him now. This allegation was substantiated.

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ALLEGATION 2.

In July of 2002 the mother of an alleged female victim reported that when her daughter was 12 or 13 years old, in 1980 or 1981, Daniel Buck rubbed her back under her blouse. He reportedly did this in front of her parents and her mother confronted him, telling him he was giving girls the wrong ideas about sexuality. The family reported that after that they avoided Daniel Buck. The family and the alleged victim elected not to move forward with formalizing the allegation with the Archdiocese.

ALLEGATIONS 3 AND 4.

In April of 2003, the mother of two women reported that Daniel Buck molested her two daughters. The allegations were subsequently formalized by the two girls (now women) who reported that when the youngest was approximately ten years old and the eldest was 11 years old, Daniel Buck visited in their home on a number of occasions. She reported that [REDACTED] he came and gave them backrubs [REDACTED] and that he would begin by rubbing under their shirts and then move to the chest area. One of the girls reported that he also touched her genital area. The two women reported that this activity began when they were in fourth and fifth grade and lasted until they were in seventh and eighth grade. These allegations were found to be substantiated.

CURRENT CANONICAL STATUS.

On July 22, 2005, His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George issued a decree which established that Cardinal George, in consultation with the Promoter of Justice and two Assessors, found Daniel Buck guilty of the grave delict described in c. 1395 § 2 of the 1917 Code, namely sexual abuse of a minor under the age of sixteen. This conclusion was reached, under the direction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, through an administrative penal process in accordance with c. 1720. Because an administrative penal process does not provide for a perpetual penalty to be imposed, Daniel Buck's decree provided for a ten year penalty. His faculties to minister as a priest of the Archdiocese were removed for the ten year period and he was directed to live under an established monitoring protocol. At the end of the ten years (in July 2015) the decree is to be reviewed to see if it must be renewed or can be revised.

CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Daniel Buck is currently living in the Cardinal Stritch Retreat house with 2 other members of the archdiocesan priesthood who have been removed from ministry due to sexual abuse of minors. Daniel Buck shares a house in [REDACTED] with 3 other priests with whom he has been friends for many years. All three of the priests are aware of his situation and ISP; all are in good standing with the Archdiocese of Chicago. Daniel Buck also leaves the retreat house to rehearse and perform in choruses and choirs, to go out for dinner, to attend theatre and occasionally to visit friends in their homes. Daniel Buck does not report that he visits with families who have minor

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children. He reports that he has not encountered anyone under the age of 25 during this entire reporting period. However, stated that he cannot always tell if someone is under the age of 25 or not.

HISTORY OF NONCOMPLIANCE

In a letter dated 2/5/09 Daniel Buck states that not even a Bishop has the authority to decree that he cannot be involved in any kind of ministry including that which may be provided to laypersons. Further, in reference to the protocol "*Daniel Buck is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of Mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry), and introducing or calling himself "Father" or "Reverend"*", Daniel Buck states that he will "not lie" to new people that he meets by not calling himself "Father". The connotation of this letter is that he is not in compliance with this requirement. Daniel Buck reaffirmed these points on 4/23/10 when he resubmitted this letter.

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STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS WHILE IN MINISTRY

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE DECEMBER 2010	PROGRESS TO DATE
With a prudent companion who is present from the time he arrives until the time he leaves, Daniel Buck is permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes or in public places. Such contact must be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor. Failure to disclose contact with minors will be considered a serious violation of protocols. Daniel Buck is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i> <i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i> <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, in-person visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck is believed to be in full compliance with this requirement. He is still interested in visiting with [REDACTED] in her home with minor children present. This has been discussed with [REDACTED]
Daniel Buck is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck complete log sheets as required.
Daniel Buck is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or overnight stays away from the residence.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance All requests have been made in accordance with timeliness and procedures.
Daniel Buck is required to return to his residence no later than 11:00 pm, unless	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck regularly requests curfew

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previously approved by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>monitor.</i>		extensions. ■■■ ■■■■■ usually acts as chaperone.
Daniel Buck is required to allow his Compliance Supervisor access to his house located at ■■■■■ IL for the purposes of verification.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance
Daniel Buck is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of Mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry), and introducing or calling himself "Father" or "Reverend".	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.</i>	Consistent violation, refusal to comply.	Non Compliance In a letter dated February 5, 2009 he reported that he will "not lie" to new people that he meets by not calling himself "Father". The connotation of this letter is that he is not in compliance with this requirement. Because this is a specific requirement of the <i>Chorter for the Protection of Children and Young People</i> , this is a violation of the Charter. He has not disclosed that his position on this has since changed.
Daniel Buck will provide to his Compliance Supervisor a listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and	<i>Completion of Community Support Network form</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck provided Compliance Supervisor with contact information of close friends and family.

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accountability.			
Daniel Buck is prohibited from attending liturgy, or any aspect of parish community life at any parish in which he has served in ministry. He is also prohibited from being involved with or part of any Roman Catholic parish council or parish leadership effort.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance There are no known reports of Daniel Buck being present at a Parish in which he served in ministry.
Daniel Buck is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance There have not been any known incidents of Daniel Buck communicating by telephone, email birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25. Daniel Buck reports that he does not own a cell phone or computer and does not access the internet.
Daniel Buck is prohibited from spending time at the lake house located at [REDACTED] IL when there are guests under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance There have been no known incidents of Daniel Buck having guests under the age of 25 at his lake house.
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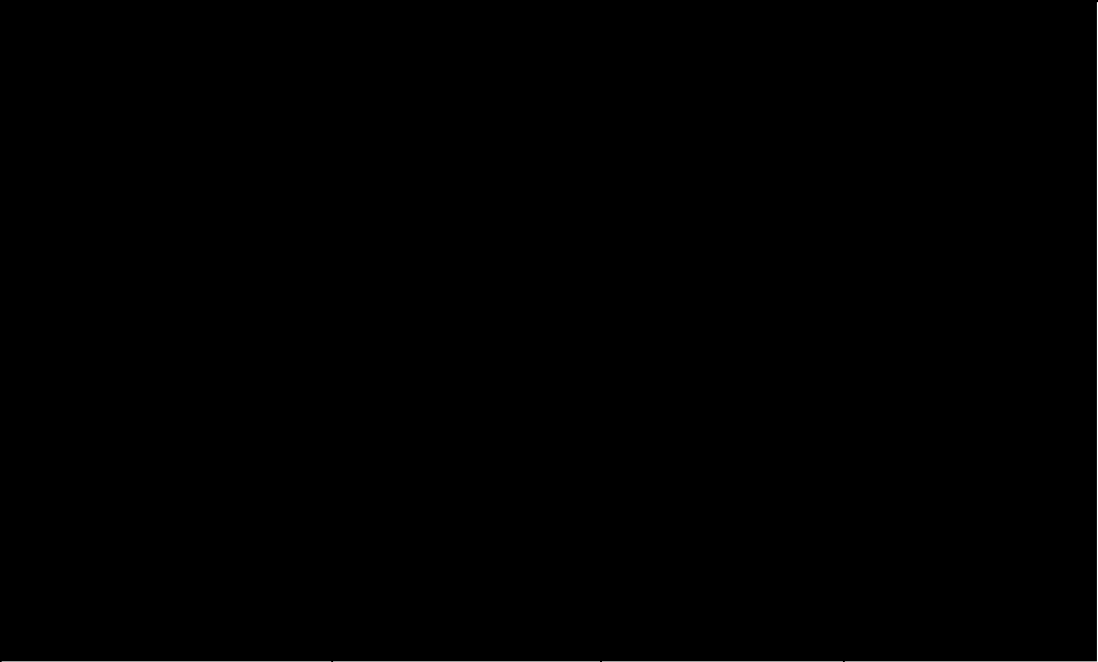
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Daniel Buck is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care, counseling and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	While Daniel Buck is not known to have violated this requirement, he has self-reported that he refuses to comply.	Non Compliance Daniel Buck has reported that as a Catholic he cannot be prohibited from participating in lay ministry. What, if any, lay ministries he is involved with is unknown.
In the event that a minor initiates contact with Daniel Buck, he is required to remove himself from the situation immediately and inform his employer and Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance Dan Buck reports that he has never encountered a minor during this reporting period.
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his volunteer work at the Illinois Railroad Museum that does not involve any level of interaction with minors. He is allotted 30" Day Trips" per year to be used specifically for trips to the Railroad Museum.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance The Railroad Museum does have many opportunities for interactions with minors. Daniel Buck's disclosure to the administration and Board of Directors, as well as his adherence to the requirement to avoid tours and other direct interactions with minors are essential for risk management. Because the Museum is a child-oriented destination and is also a considerable distance from the

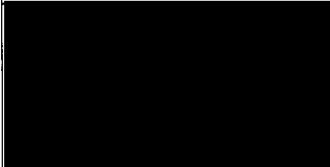
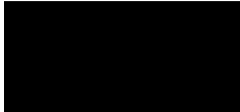
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			retreat house, it will continue to fall in the category of "day trip". His brother [REDACTED] acts as chaperone.
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his involvement with all-adult choruses and choirs, pending verification of the sites and activities by his Compliance Supervisor. (Verification priority will be given to the Choir that rehearses at the Junior High School in the evenings).	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck continues to be involved with adult choruses and choirs.
Daniel Buck is prohibited from any form of work or volunteerism or visiting of vulnerable adults that is not approved by Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification with support network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance There have been no reported incidents of Daniel Buck visiting with vulnerable adults.
Daniel Buck is prohibited from viewing, downloading or otherwise possessing pornography or sexually explicit materials of any kind. Computer is subject to removal of site for verification purposes.	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance There are no incidents of Daniel Buck possessing pornography.
Online chat, social networking involvement, and other internet relationships, as well as sites visited are subject to review by his Compliance Supervisor (with designated Information Technology Personnel) for	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck reports that he does not own a computer and does not have access to a computer or the internet.

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the first six months of the program. The need for ongoing review will be evaluated following this period of time.	<i>Supervisor.</i>		
			
Daniel Buck will meet every two weeks with his Compliance Supervisor at his residence the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Partial Compliance As demonstrated in recorded sessions with the Compliance Supervisor, Daniel Buck continues to openly express hostility toward the system of accountability and toward the Compliance Supervisor as an agent of the system. Some progress has been made toward more productive interactions and

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			meetings.
	<i>Verification with group facilitator.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance 
Daniel Buck is encouraged to continue with current life of prayer and spiritual support.	<i>Verification with Compliance Supervisor.</i>		Daniel Buck attends Mass regularly at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Mundelein.

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REPORTING PERIOD: DECEMBER, 2010- JANUARY, 2012

Daniel Buck's overall progress in the Prayer and Penance Program has been satisfactory.

Daniel Buck's open expression of hostility toward the system of accountability and the Compliance Supervisor as an agent of the system of supervision has improved slightly during this reporting period. Considerable time and energy in therapy and meetings with Compliance Supervisor has been expended on complaining about the Archdiocese and the system of supervision. Slight progress has been made toward more productive interactions and meetings with Compliance Supervisor. Dan Buck maintains that he is committed to the priesthood and wants to remain a priest however his increased hostility toward the Archdiocese and the Catholic Church may be perceived as contradictory. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Daniel Buck maintains no encounters with anyone under the age of 25 and denies having any sexual thoughts or feelings. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Daniel Buck spends a considerable amount of time away from the retreat house, he appears to be engaging in healthy social activities more. His brother Br. [REDACTED] frequently accompanies him and acts as a Prudent Companion.

INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: DANIEL BUCK

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

January, 2012

DATE OF REVIEW

January, 2013

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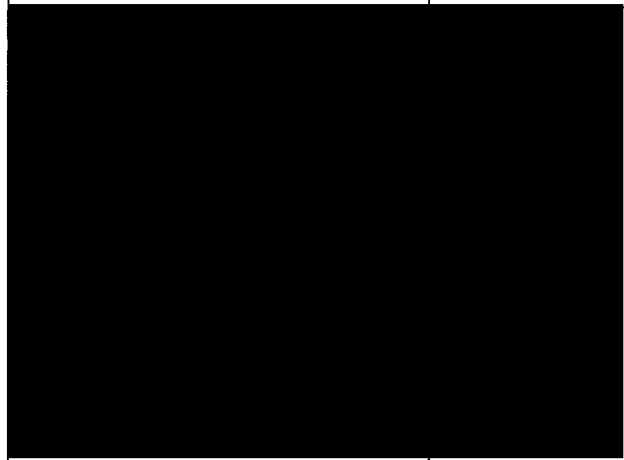
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Daniel Buck will provide to his Compliance Supervisor an updated listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability (to be submitted within 5 business days of implementation of protocol) . Those listed will be contacted for verification and training purposes.	<i>Completion of Community Support Network form</i>	January 2012	January 2013
Daniel Buck is prohibited from attending liturgy, or any aspect of parish community life at any parish in which he has served in ministry. He is also prohibited from being involved with or part of any Roman Catholic parish council or parish leadership effort.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	January 2012	January 2013
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Daniel Buck will meet every two weeks with his Compliance Supervisor at his residence the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	January 2012	January 2013

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	<i>Verification with group facilitator.</i>	January 2012	January 2013
Daniel Buck is encouraged to continue with current life of prayer and spiritual support.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	January 2012	January 2013

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CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOLS.

Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance, any of the following consequences may apply:

- Immediate voluntary polygraph to determine whether abuse may have occurred.
- Restriction from visits to lake house located at [REDACTED] IL.
- Restriction from travel.
- Change of residence.
- Implementation of routine polygraph verification.
- Canonical action, up to and including involuntary removal from the priesthood.

SIGNATURES.

Signed under Duress

Signed: Daniel P. Buck Date: 23 Feb 2012

Printed Name: Daniel P. Buck

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Fr. John V. Callahan Date: 2/23/12

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Ruff Blomovian Date: 2/23/12

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal Spellman Date: Feb 3, 2012

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COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

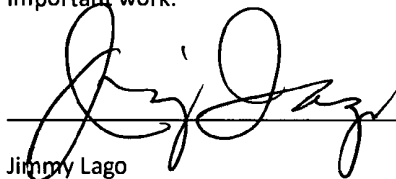
The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has initiated a program of support and accountability for the priests of the Archdiocese who have been removed from ministry due to their sexual misconduct with minors. The program is voluntary in that a priest may choose to participate or may choose to leave the priesthood. Daniel Buck has expressed his desire to engage in this program, fully recognizing it will mean a significant increase in accountability and a decrease in his overall levels of privacy. This is seen as a positive sign, as openness to support and intervention by others is one of the essential components for long-term abstinence from sexual offending.

The Archdiocese has asked Daniel Buck to identify the friends and family members who would be willing and able to offer support and accountability to him as he moves through his daily life. You were among those he identified.

If you are willing to accompany Daniel Buck in this way, the following is asked of you:

1. That you review Daniel Buck's history of allegations and substantiated offenses,
2. That you review his *Individual Specific Protocols*, which tell you what he is permitted to do and what he is not,
3. That you agree to support Daniel Buck through interrupting high-risk behaviors (such as his attempting to be alone with a minor) if they occur and informing his Compliance Supervisor of any other concerns or violations of the protocols,
4. That you agree to on-going, open communication with Daniel Buck's Compliance Supervisor so that any problems may be identified and addressed before they become serious.

I am personally grateful to you for considering what can only be considered a ministry to Daniel BUCK and for the support you have offered him thus far. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate in this program, please do not feel an obligation and please do not turn to the pages that follow which contain confidential information. If you would like to move forward with the commitment to participate, please indicate with your signature below. Once you have reviewed all of the information, you will have another opportunity to indicate your willingness to move forward. Thank you once again for considering this important work.



Jimmy Lago

Chancellor

I have a commitment to support Daniel Buck in his personal program of wellness. I am willing and able to assist him in avoiding situations that could lead to further sexual misconduct and further harm to others, including misinterpretations of his behavior or false allegations of abuse.

Signature and date

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Community Support Network for Daniel Buck

Name	Relationship	Contact information

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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ARCHDIOCESE PRIESTS

Buck, Daniel [REDACTED] 200235
Last Name, First, Middle Initial Social Security Number Employee Number

Active F/T ☒ Active P/T _____ Active P/T Benefits _____ Position _____

Ordination Date 1971 Transfer to P.C. _____ Date Transferred from Agency/Parish/School# _____

Dept. Name _____ No. 10352 Agency _____ No. 10411

Pay through payroll
Regular Salary \$ 19,738
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Other: Type _____ \$ _____

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Non-Payroll Compensation
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SECA \$ 1,509

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Mailing Address Stitch Retreat House, P.O. Box 455, Mundelein, IL
60060

Street, City, State, Zip Code

Dental Insurance: Yes _____ No _____ Name of Dental Plan _____

Payroll Direct Deposit: Yes _____ No _____ Forms attached: Yes _____ No _____ Federal/State Taxes: Yes _____ No _____ Forms attached: Yes _____ No _____

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TRANSFERS – EFFECTIVE DATE _____

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Agency Director/Date _____ Department Director/Date _____ Director, Human Resources/Date _____

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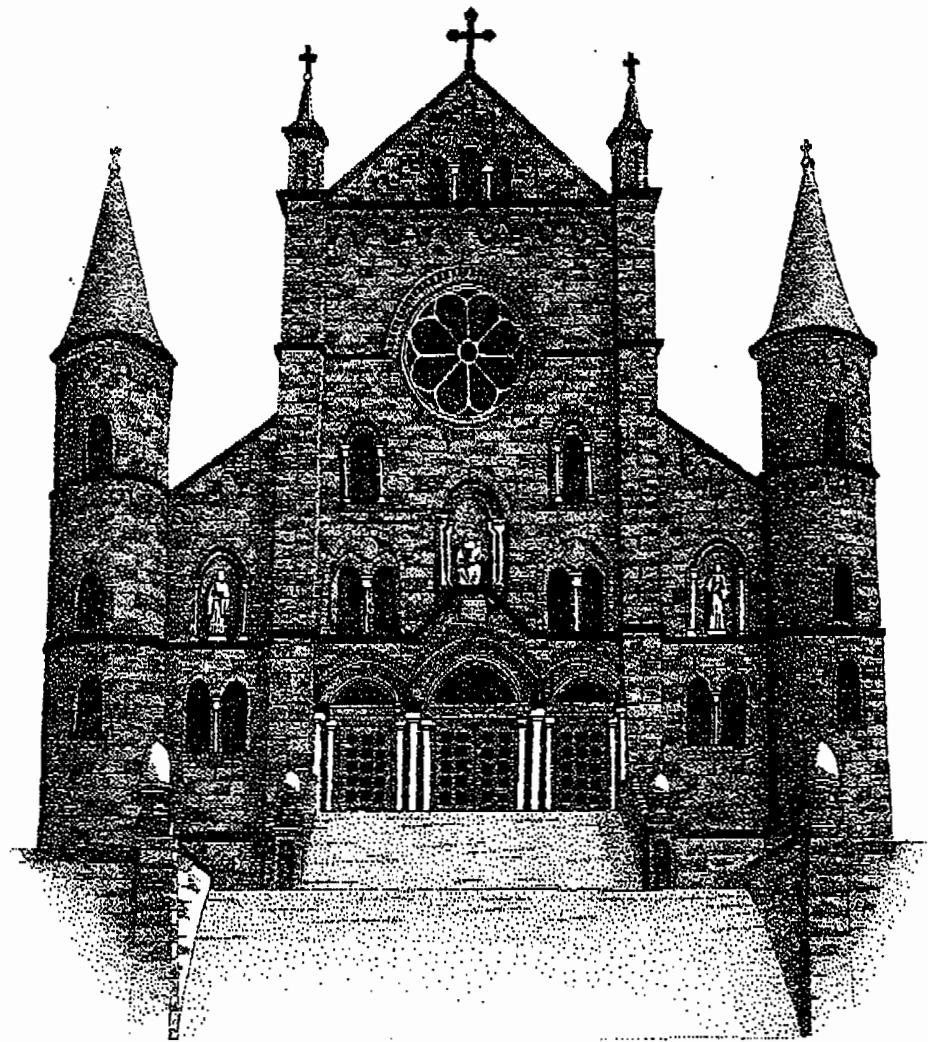
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March 15-17, 2013 Fr. Joseph Cox, OSB

Tuning up for Easter – To get ready for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, we need to get in shape. This retreat will look at patience, forgiveness, gratitude, judging others and conversion. If we try to tune up in these areas, we will be closer to Jesus and each other, and better prepared to receive new life. (\$225 single, \$375 double)

March 27-31, 2013 Very Rev. Denis Robinson, OSB
(Holy Week Retreat)

Reflections on the Triduum – The experience of the Sacred Triduum forms the background for the conferences, reflection sessions and prayer experiences. Emphasis will be given to the exploration of different Christian traditions in celebrating the Three Days. Included will be a celebration of the Divine Liturgy (Byzantine Rite) and the burial service of Good Friday evening. (\$395 single, \$650 double)

April 12-14, 2013 Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB

Paschal Peace: The Essential Easter Gift – During this most festive season of Easter, this retreat will explore the Paschal accounts in the various Gospels and apply them to our everyday lives. Jesus' gift of paschal peace is for all humankind. As Christians, we are called to be instruments of this peace. (\$225 single, \$375 double)

April 18-21, 2013 Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

Secretaries and Parish Administrators Retreat
Parish secretaries serve as the liaison between the pastor and the people, as a conduit for information, as a hub for operational elements of

To: Shawnte Jenkins

312 867-2595 Fax 312 751-5274

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From: Rev. Daniel P. Buck

847 566-6085 Fax 847 566-6082

TRAVEL REQUEST FORM

NOTE: This form must be submitted to Compliance Supervisor three weeks prior to planned departure. Traveling cleric to attach itinerary to travel request.

In the event of an emergency, cleric must contact Compliance Supervisor, Shawnte Jenkins, prior to any unscheduled departure at 312-237-1606 (cell phone).

Rev. Daniel P. Buck [Name of traveling cleric] is requesting permission to travel

St. Meinrad Archabbey Retreat Center 812 857-6585
to 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad Indiana [destination address]

and contact phone number] from 26 Mar 13 [departure date] through 1 Apr 13

[return date] for the purposes of Retreat [reason for the trip i.e. vacation,

retreat] by means of Automobile [mode of transportation]. The

traveling cleric will be chaperoned by Br. [redacted] [name of chaperone

and relationship to cleric]. The Compliance Supervisor may contact the chaperone at the

following phone number prior to departure [redacted]

The identified chaperone is aware of the traveling cleric's restrictions and

has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of the traveling

cleric during the aforementioned time frame, as well as assuring that the traveling cleric

will be spending the identified overnights in the same residence as him/her. Identified

chaperone also accepts the responsibility of intervening in any observed inappropriate

behavior with minors and reporting to Compliance Supervisor.

1. Contacts with minors by the traveling cleric must be in the presence of the identified chaperone. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided and reported to Compliance Supervisor.
2. The identified chaperone may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of traveling cleric over the aforementioned time period of travel.
3. As previously noted, the date of return to the traveling cleric's residence has been scheduled for See Above [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the

event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be changed, please contact the

Compliance Supervisor at 312.867.2595 (office) or 312.237.1606 (cell phone).

Cleric Signature: Rev. Daniel P. Buch Date submitted: 10 Jan 13

Authorization for Travel

Approved ✓

If approved, information regarding verifications: C.S. spoke to
Bri [REDACTED] on 1/15/13. He confirmed
travel plans and agreed to act as
Chaperone.

Denied _____

If denied, reason for denial of travel request: _____

Compliance Supervisor Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/15/13

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 6/12/08

Date: 18 Jan 13

To: St. Patricia SSND-Vicar for Priests Office

Fax 312 642-4938

From: Rev. Daniel Buck-Cardinal Stritch Retreat House Fax 847 566-6082

Re: Retreat at St. Meinrad Archabbey 27-31 Mar 13

As per our conversation on 17 Jan 13, I will be participating in a Holy Week Retreat at St. Meinrad Archabbey with my brother at the end of March. With her approval of this retreat (see enclosed document), Ms. Shawnte Jenkins of the Child Protection Office told me to contact you concerning reimbursement. This would be \$325 (see excerpt from retreat brochure). Please advise me whether the payment will be made out to St. Meinrad or to me so that I can make the necessary reservations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Dan



Kenneth Budzikowski - Re: Nonpayment of June Rent

From: Miriam Patrick Cummings
To: Buck, Daniel; Jenkins, Shawnte
Date: 6/11/2013 7:02 AM
Subject: Re: Nonpayment of June Rent

This is not paid through the Vicars office.
Sister Pat

Sister Pat Cummings
Associate Director
Vicar for Priests
312-534-1837

>>> Daniel Buck <[REDACTED]> 6/10/2013 4:31 PM >>>

When I returned to my apartment on Saturday evening, there was a notice of an attempt to deliver a certified letter to me. I went to the post office today to pick up the letter, only to find that it was a notice of termination of tenancy at [REDACTED] due to nonpayment of rent. Since the termination would become official tomorrow (five days after the notice was sent), I went directly to my local bank branch to get a cashier's check for the rent plus late penalty and then brought the check to the [REDACTED] office.

Payment of rent is due on the first of the month, with a five day grace period. After that a \$100 late penalty kicks in. Since I had a credit in my account for moving in a couple of days later than first anticipated, the \$100 was reduced by \$51.79. Thus my check to [REDACTED] was in the amount of \$853.21. (Since I do not have easy access to either a copier or a fax machine, I can mail you a copy of my resident balance sheet and my cashier's check receipt in a few days if you wish.)

I am concerned that this embarrassing incident not reoccur. Please let me know what I need to do to rectify the problem, and to obtain reimbursement for my emergency expense.

Thank you.

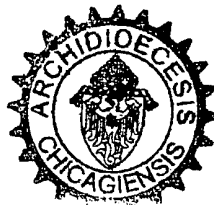
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Depending on the gravity of the instance of non-compliance, any of the following consequences may apply:

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- Change of residence.
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SIGNATURES.

Signed under Duress

Signed: Daniel P. Buck Date: 14 Aug 13Printed Name: Daniel P. BuckSignature of Vicar for Priest: R. Kenneth Badphanti Date: Aug 5, 2013Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Muzette F. Cash Date: 8/14/13Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal George Date: July 30, 2013

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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: DANIEL BUCK

IMPLEMENTATION DATE**January, 2012****DATE OF REVIEW****May, 2013****HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS**

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ordained: 1971

1971 – St. Luke, River Forest

1976 – Our Lady of Grace, Chicago

1979 – St. Wenceslaus, Chicago

1979 – St. Francis Borgia, Chicago

1984 – St. Thomas of Villanova, Palatine

1989 – St. Pius X, Stickney

1995 – St. Frances of Rome, Cicero

2001 – St. Mary, Buffalo Grove

2002 – Removal from ministry

**HISTORY OF ABUSE ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED.
ALLEGATION 1.**

In January of 1985, the mother of a 15-year-old girl reported to the Vicar for Priests, Father Ventura, that she was disturbed by Daniel Buck's continuance of an inappropriate relationship with her daughter. She enclosed a copy of a letter she sent to Daniel Buck insisting that he "have no further contact, either in person, by letter, or on the phone" with her daughter. The relationship reportedly began when the girl was 11, lasted until she was 17 years old and included back rubs, touching breasts and genitals. In 1995, the girl's [REDACTED] submitted a letter written by Daniel Buck in June of 1984 that included references to their inappropriate, sexual relationship. The girl who was involved has continued to have a relationship with Daniel Buck and is in contact with him now. This allegation was substantiated.

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ALLEGATION 2.

In July of 2002 the mother of an alleged female victim reported that when her daughter was 12 or 13 years old, in 1980 or 1981, Daniel Buck rubbed her back under her blouse. He reportedly did this in front of her parents and her mother confronted him, telling him he was giving girls the wrong ideas about sexuality. The family reported that after that they avoided Daniel Buck. The family and the alleged victim elected not to move forward with formalizing the allegation with the Archdiocese. Thus, this allegation was not substantiated.

ALLEGATIONS 3 AND 4.

In April of 2003, the mother of two women reported that Daniel Buck molested her two daughters. The allegations were subsequently formalized by the two girls (now women) who reported that when the youngest was approximately ten years old and the eldest was 11 years old, Daniel Buck visited in their home on a number of occasions. She reported that [REDACTED] he came and gave them backrubs [REDACTED] and that he would begin by rubbing under their shirts and then move to the chest area. One of the girls reported that he also touched her genital area. The two women reported that this activity began when they were in fourth and fifth grade and lasted until they were in seventh and eighth grade. These allegations were found to be substantiated.

CURRENT CANONICAL STATUS.

On July 22, 2005, His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George issued a decree which established that Cardinal George, in consultation with the Promoter of Justice and two Assessors, found Daniel Buck guilty of the grave delict described in c. 1395 § 2 of the 1917 Code, namely sexual abuse of a minor under the age of sixteen. This conclusion was reached, under the direction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, through an administrative penal process in accordance with c. 1720. Because an administrative penal process does not provide for a perpetual penalty to be imposed, Daniel Buck's decree provided for a ten year penalty. His faculties to minister as a priest of the Archdiocese were removed for the ten year period and he was directed to live under an established monitoring protocol. At the end of the ten years (in July 2015) the decree is to be reviewed to see if it must be renewed or can be revised.

CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Daniel Buck is currently living in a private apartment located at [REDACTED]. He shares a house in [REDACTED] with 3 other priests with whom he has been friends for many years. All three of the priests are aware of his situation and ISP; all are in good standing with the Archdiocese of Chicago. Daniel Buck also leaves the retreat house to rehearse and perform in choruses and choirs, to go out for dinner, to attend theatre and occasionally to visit friends in their homes. Daniel Buck does not report that he visits with families who have minor children. He reports that he has not encountered anyone under the age of 25 during this

entire reporting period. However, stated that he cannot always tell if someone is under the age of 25.

HISTORY OF NONCOMPLIANCE

In a letter dated 2/5/09 Daniel Buck states that not even a Bishop has the authority to decree that he cannot be involved in any kind of ministry including that which may be provided to laypersons. Further, in reference to the protocol "*Daniel Buck is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of Mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry), and introducing or calling himself "Father" or "Reverend"*", Daniel Buck states that he will "not lie" to new people that he meets by not calling himself "Father". The connotation of this letter is that he is not in compliance with this requirement. Daniel Buck reaffirmed these points on 4/23/10 when he resubmitted this letter.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM 1: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS WHILE IN MINISTRY

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	KNOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE DECEMBER 2012	PROGRESS TO DATE
With a prudent companion who is present from the time he arrives until the time he leaves, Daniel Buck is permitted to spend time with families who have minor children. This includes time in their homes or in public places. Such contact must be disclosed and logged for review by his Compliance Supervisor. Failure to disclose contact with minors will be considered a serious violation of protocols. Daniel Buck is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i> <i>Oversight by Compliance Supervisor.</i> <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, in-person visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Compliance Daniel Buck does not report that he visits with families who have minor children. He reports that he has not encountered anyone under the age of 25 during this entire reporting period. However, stated that he cannot always tell if someone is under the age of 25.
Daniel Buck is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance
Daniel Buck is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance

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trips or overnight stays away from the residence.			
Daniel Buck is required to return to his residence no later than 11:00 pm, unless previously approved by his Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance
Daniel Buck is required to allow his Compliance Supervisor access to his house located at [REDACTED] IL for the purposes of verification.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance
Daniel Buck is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of Mass, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry), and introducing or calling himself "Father" or "Reverend".	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits) of daily logs.</i>	Consistent violation, refusal to comply.	Non Compliance In a letter dated February 5, 2009 he reported that he will "not lie" to new people that he meets by not calling himself "Father". The connotation of this letter is that he is not in compliance with this requirement. Because this is a specific requirement of the <i>Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People</i> , this is a violation of the Charter. He has not disclosed that his

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			position on this has since changed.
Daniel Buck will provide to his Compliance Supervisor a listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability.	<i>Completion of Community Support Network form</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance
Daniel Buck is prohibited from attending liturgy, or any aspect of parish community life at any parish in which he has served in ministry. He is also prohibited from being involved with or part of any Roman Catholic parish council or parish leadership effort.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance
Daniel Buck is prohibited from communicating or contacting by telephone, email, birthday card, text or letter with anyone under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance
Daniel Buck is prohibited from spending time at the lake house located at [REDACTED] IL when there are guests under the age of 25.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network and unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance

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	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance
Daniel Buck is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care, counseling and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network. Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	While Daniel Buck is not known to have violated this requirement, he has self-reported that he refuses to comply.	Non Compliance Daniel Buck has reported that as a Catholic he cannot be prohibited from participating in lay ministry. What, if any, lay ministries he is involved with is unknown.
In the event that a minor initiates contact with Daniel Buck, he is required to remove himself from the situation immediately and inform his employer and Compliance Supervisor.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his volunteer work at the Illinois Railroad Museum that does not involve any level of interaction with minors. He is allotted 30" Day Trips" per year to be used specifically for trips to the Railroad Museum.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance The Railroad Museum does have many opportunities for interactions with minors. Daniel Buck's disclosure to the administration and Board of Directors, as well as his adherence to

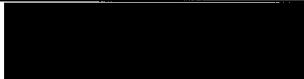
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			the requirement to avoid tours and other direct interactions with minors are essential for risk management. Because the Museum is a child-oriented destination and is also a considerable distance from the retreat house, it will continue to fall in the category of "day trip". His brother [REDACTED] acts as chaperone.
Daniel Buck is permitted to continue his involvement with all-adult choruses and choirs, pending verification of the sites and activities by his Compliance Supervisor. (Verification priority will be given to the Choir that rehearses at the Junior High School in the evenings).	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance
Daniel Buck is prohibited from any form of work or volunteerism or visiting of vulnerable adults that is not approved by	<i>Verification with support network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification of daily</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance

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Compliance Supervisor.	<i>logs.</i>		
Daniel Buck is prohibited from viewing, downloading or otherwise possessing pornography or sexually explicit materials of any kind. Computer is subject to removal of site for verification purposes.	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance
Online chat, social networking involvement, and other internet relationships, as well as sites visited are subject to review by his Compliance Supervisor (with designated Information Technology Personnel) for the first six months of the program. The need for ongoing review will be evaluated following this period of time.	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Full Compliance Daniel Buck reports that he does not own a computer and does not have access to a computer or the internet.
	<i>Verification by</i> [REDACTED]	None during this reporting period.	[REDACTED]

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Daniel Buck will meet every two weeks with his Compliance Supervisor at his residence the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	None during this reporting period.	Partial Compliance As demonstrated in recorded sessions with the Compliance Supervisor, Daniel Buck continues to openly express hostility toward the system of accountability and toward the Compliance Supervisor as an agent of the system.
	<i>Verification with</i> 	None during this reporting period.	Full compliance
Daniel Buck is encouraged to continue with current life of prayer and spiritual support.	<i>Verification with Compliance Supervisor.</i>		Daniel Buck attends Mass regularly at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Mundelein.

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REPORTING PERIOD: JANUARY, 2012- MAY, 2013

Daniel Buck's overall progress in the Prayer and Penance Program has been satisfactory.

Daniel Buck's open expression of hostility toward the system of accountability and the Compliance Supervisor as an agent of the system of supervision has remained the same during this reporting period. [REDACTED]

Daniel Buck remains hostile and resentful toward the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Catholic Church. It is unclear why he maintains his commitment to a church he describes as "evil". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Daniel maintains no encounters with anyone under the age of 25 and denies having any sexual thoughts or feelings, this will be verified via the Abel risk assessment and clinical polygraph. Daniel spends a considerable amount of time away from the retreat house; he appears to be engaging in healthy social activities. He is scheduled to move from the retreat house on May 13, 2013 to a private apartment located at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IL. Daniel has a healthy relationship with his brother [REDACTED] who supports him in this program and routinely serves as a prudent companion.

INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: DANIEL BUCK

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

May, 2013

DATE OF REVIEW

May, 2014

RISK REDUCTION REQUIREMENT	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION	DATE OF REVIEW
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Daniel Buck is required to log out his whereabouts on the "Clergy Daily Log Sheet" daily as he leaves his residence and email to his Compliance Supervisor. He must electronically log in his return as well.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May 2013	May 2014
Daniel Buck is required to complete the "Request for Travel" and receive approval in accordance with its timelines and procedures, prior to any trips or	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May 2013	May 2014

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overnight stays away from the residence.			
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Daniel Buck is required to allow his Compliance Supervisor access to his [REDACTED] Apartment and house located at [REDACTED] IL.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor and site monitor.</i>	May 2013	May 2014
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Daniel Buck will provide to his Compliance Supervisor an updated listing of the close friends and relatives who support him, including contact information, for the purpose of verifying his adherence to the protocols and ensuring his ongoing support and accountability (to be submitted within 5 business days of implementation of protocol) . Those listed will be contacted for verification and training purposes.	<i>Completion of Community Support Network form</i>	May 2013	May 2014

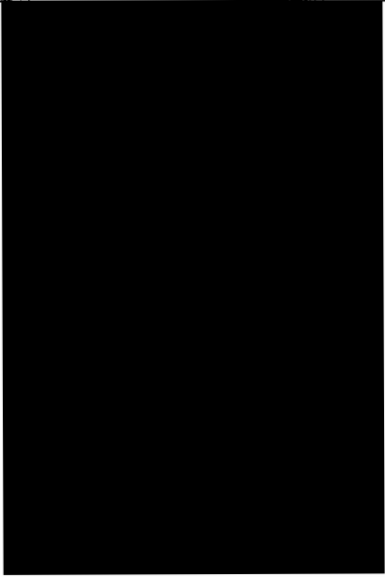
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designated Information Technology Personnel) for the first six months of the program. The need for ongoing review will be evaluated following this period of time.	<i>Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>		
	Verification by 	May 2013	May 2014
Daniel Buck will meet bi-weekly with his Compliance Supervisor at his residence.	Verification by <i>Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May 2013	May 2014
Daniel Buck is to bring current credit card statements and phone bills to bi-weekly meetings with Compliance Supervisor for review.	Verification by <i>Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May 2013	May 2014
Daniel Buck is encouraged to continue with current life of prayer and spiritual support.	Verification by <i>Compliance Supervisor.</i>	May 2013	May 2014

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COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has initiated a program of support and accountability for the priests of the Archdiocese who have been removed from ministry due to their sexual misconduct with minors. The program is voluntary in that a priest may choose to participate or may choose to leave the priesthood. Daniel Buck has expressed his desire to engage in this program, fully recognizing it will mean a significant increase in accountability and a decrease in his overall levels of privacy. This is seen as a positive sign, as openness to support and intervention by others is one of the essential components for long-term abstinence from sexual offending.

The Archdiocese has asked Daniel Buck to identify the friends and family members who would be willing and able to offer support and accountability to him as he moves through his daily life. You were among those he identified.

If you are willing to accompany Daniel Buck in this way, the following is asked of you:

1. That you review Daniel Buck's history of allegations and substantiated offenses,
2. That you review his *Individual Specific Protocols*, which tell you what he is permitted to do and what he is not,
3. That you agree to support Daniel Buck through interrupting high-risk behaviors (such as his attempting to be alone with a minor) if they occur and informing his Compliance Supervisor of any other concerns or violations of the protocols,
4. That you agree to on-going, open communication with Daniel Buck's Compliance Supervisor so that any problems may be identified and addressed before they become serious.

I am personally grateful to you for considering what can only be considered a ministry to Daniel Buck and for the support you have offered him thus far. If, for any reason, you do not wish to participate in this program, please do not feel an obligation and please do not turn to the pages that follow which contain confidential information. If you would like to move forward with the commitment to participate, please indicate with your signature below. Once you have reviewed all of the information, you will have another opportunity to indicate your willingness to move forward. Thank you once again for considering this important work.



Jan Slattery

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth, Director

I have a commitment to support Daniel Buck in his personal program of wellness. I am willing and able to assist him in avoiding situations that could lead to further sexual misconduct and further harm to others, including misinterpretations of his behavior or false allegations of abuse.

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Signature and date

Community Support Network for Daniel Buck

Name	Relationship	Contact information

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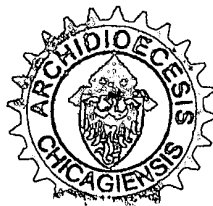
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SIGNATURES.

Signed under Duress

Signed: Daniel P. Buck Date: 14 Aug 13Printed Name: Daniel P. BuckSignature of Vicar for Priest: R. Kenneth Badolanti Date: Aug 5, 2013Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Muzette F. Cash Date: 8/14/13Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal George Date: July 30, 2013

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